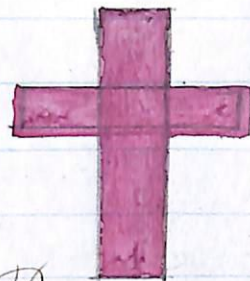


BOSTON COMMANDERY.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening November 18th 1874.

Opened a Council of Knights of the
in due form at Six o'clock.



O. for Samuel L. Lawrence. Sr. W. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Massey Jr	Chancellor.
" J. N. Thomas Sr	Master of the Palace.
" John P. Bland	Prelate.
" James H. Upham	Master of Cavalry.
" Francis Lotts	" " Infantry.
" Edward A. White	" " Finance.
" William Ellison	" " Dispatches.
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer.
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer.
" <u>William</u> Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Benjamin D. Nourse	Sentinel.
" Alex. S. Bryer	Armorer.
" Edward T. Nichols	Third Guard.
" Joseph Williams	Second ".
" Francis Doane	First ".
" William Stevens	First Assistant ".
" John D. Rhodes.	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared

Approved.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Edgar F. Hunt

George D. Shattuck

Henry L. Patchelder

Leoney S. Quimby

James F. Dwinell

Irving S. Palmer


for the Orders of Knighthood severally reported and they were separately balloted for and were elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion

John B. Stewart for the

Orders of Knighthood made a report, and upon a ballot being taken he was declared Rejected.

E. J. William Ellison presented the following paper on the death of Sir John Lowell Brigham, which was ordered to be entered upon the Journal and a copy thereof sent to the family of the deceased.



To the Officers and Knights of Boston Commandery, N.T.

Recent bereavements in this Commandery forcibly remind us that we live in a world of change, of beauty, of sorrow, and of pain.

That we are subject to sickness, to misfortunes in its thousand forms, - to death. That the graves are opening all around us for the ashes of the dead, calling us to the rights of sepulture.

Since the commencement of our fall conclaves, six Knights Moore and Haslet and Dean have fallen like autumn leaves beneath the withering and blasting touch of the chilling frost.

Upon our printed roll of membership, a little star marks the departure of those to that Grand Commandery above where the white robe and golden Crown will be the costume of the Knights who have fought the good fight and kept the faith.

On the 10th of October last Sir John Lowell Brigham, an honored member of this Commandery passed from a bed of suffering and trial to his final rest.

In the complex and diversified duties that Free Masonry calls upon us to perform, it cannot be expected that we should labor in every department with unremitting zeal, but that each should contribute to his favorite institution, his best energies to advance, strengthen and perpetuate the great work of human benefaction.

After

being exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masonry, Sir Knight Prigman was admitted to the several degrees of the Ancient accepted Scottish Rite, and became a prince of the Royal Secret in De Witt Clinton Consistory.

And it was in that department of Free Masonry that his labors were unreservedly bestowed. Elected to the important office of Secretary of Massachusetts Consistory with a membership of more than seven hundred, he labored assiduously and faithfully in the discharge of the duties of that important office, to the entire satisfaction of those, who held the high places of power and authority in that illustrious body.

His journal and account books were models of neatness, system and fidelity, and when failing health compelled him to transfer his labors to another, so thoroughly were his accounts posted, that his successor entered at once upon the duties of the office without any embarrassment or necessity of explanation.

Although comparatively young in years, it was the lot of Sir Knight Prigman to experience some of the vicissitudes of life. If he found the thorny path of this world, crooked, adverse and forlorn, he had faith, courage & perseverance in the duties set before him, and his earnest solicitude for a good name which is better than precious ointment, always prompted him to the faithful performance of every trust. As a

man he had a generous sympathetic heart, sometimes failing to measure his bounty by his means, but always ready to relieve the necessities of others by any personal sacrifice.

He received the orders of Knighthood in St Omer Commandery, and took membership immediately after in this body. He was strongly attached to templar Masonry and only regretted that declining health prevented him from a constant attendance at the meetings of his Commandery.

But he has completed the record of his transactions here below, and finished the term of his probation.

Let us hope that he has been admitted into the celestial asylum above, to find his name recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Fraternally Submitted,

William Ellison.

November 18th 1874.

By order of the Jov Master the Council recessed from business for ten minutes.

Upon being called to labor again, a written request was presented from J. E. A. (overly) of Champion, Michigan, for an honorable discharge from membership,

he having become a permanent resident of that state.
By order of the Sov Master the request
was granted.

On Motion of Sir J H Thomas for the price of the
two lower tiers of Drawers in the Armory was reduced
two dollars each from present prices.

Companions

William P. Clark

Edgar P. Hunt

George D. Shattuck

Leone S. Quimby

James P. Winell

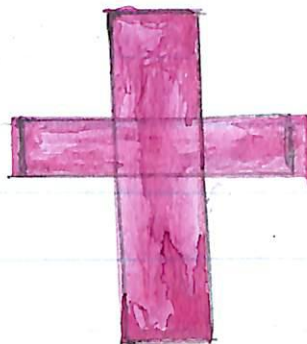
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were created and Dubbed

Knights

of the
Hustrious Order

of the



Sir Edward Long re-proposed for membership for
Henry H. Garrison.
The Sov Master referred the

application to the following named Knights.

Sir Edwin Wright

Francis Lotts

Samuel Jepson.

The following named Companions were proposed
for the Orders of
Knighthood

and their applications
were referred to the following Committee.

Companion Horace E. Willis. Proposed by Sir Chas H Marks.

Committee Sir Benj A Hersey, Luther F Brooks, Saml W Lawrence.

Companion Chas Bates Tower. Proposed by Sir Joseph Williams.

Committee Sir J H Thomas Jr, Benj F. Nourse, Edw J Long.

Companion James P. Hinney. Proposed by Sir Chas O. Burrill.

Committee Sir Edw A White, Mr J. Stevens, Geo O Carpenter.

Visiting Knights.

Eminent Sir George Newton and
Sir Jake F. Newton of
Joseph Warren Commandery were courteously invited to the
East.

The following named Knights have applied for and received Certificates for Life Membership in Boston Commandery since the last record.

Charles H. Buss

Malcolm C. Greene

Charles W. Carswell

R. S. Young

R. W. Shattuck

W. R. Bayley

Henry J. Bacon

Benjamin Smith

Edward P. Thayer Jr.

Making 62 in all.

Henry Hobart

H. F. Whidden.

Receipts since last conclave.

For the Orders of Knighthood.

300 00

" Life Membership.

600 00

" Quaterages

122 50

" Diplomas.

1 00

Total

\$ 1,023.50

The Council was then closed

Attest,

William Ellison

Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening December 16th 1874

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in
due form at Five o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel L. Lawrence. Eminent Commander

Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Masory Jr	Generalissimo
" W. H. Thomas Jr	Captain General
" John P. Bland	Prelate
" James H. Upham	Senior Warden
" Francis Lotts	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Fryer	Armorer
" Edward F. Nichols	Third Guard
" Joseph Williams	Second Guard
" Francis Doane	First Guard
" William J. Stevens	First Assistant Guard
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared Approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Sir Henry H. Galtison for membership, made a Report, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and he was elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Horace E. Willis

Charles Bates Power

James P. Thimney

for the Orders of Knighthood severally reported, and they were separately balloted for, and were elected.

Visiting Knights

Of Sir James E. Brewster, Captain General of Munroe Commandery, Rochester, N.Y.

Sir Knight Parsons of Portsmouth, N.H.

Sir John De Vereaux and other Knights of Joseph Warren Commandery, were courteously welcomed by the E. Commander.

Sirs

Isaac Riley

Amos Chapman

William P. Clark

Edgar F. Hunt

George D. Frattuck

Leone S. Quimby

James F. Winnett

Irving J. Palmer.

Were created and Dubbed

Knights of the Malient

and

Magnanimous Order of the Temple

Knights Templars.

The Order of Malta

Was then conferred on the above named Knights, and

Sirs

Isaac Riley

Amos Chapman

William P. Clark

Edgar F. Hunt

Leone S. Quimby

James F. Winnett

Irving J. Palmer.

were proposed for Membership and by order of the Eminent Commander

their propositions were referred to the same Committee who had their applications for the Orders in charge.

Upon Motion of Sir Samuel Pepson the sum of Fifty Dollars was voted to the widow of the late Sir Stephen Lovell, and the Council were requested to pay the same in such sums as they may deem expedient.

The following named Knights have applied for and have received certificates for Life Membership in Boston Commandery since the last record to January 1st 1875.

James M. Gleason	Daniel W. Lawrence
Joseph W. Robertson	John J. Murphy
Charles W. Wood	Samuel D. Hicks
Charles F. Wood	William H. Story
Eliab W. Badger	George Young
Gershom Butler Jr	Amasa W. Bailey
Daniel W. Watson	John Britume
Albert S. Whiting	G. Gilbert Dexter
Edwin L. Howard	William J. Bridge
Jonas Fitch	Amasa Whiting
Thomas Cunningham of Charlestown.	

Sir George L. Barr has taken Life Membership since January 1st 1875.

Total Number of Life Members 84.

& for Samuel B. Lawrence proposed for Honorary Membership in Boston Commandery the following named Knights.

Eminent Sir Vincent Lombard Barbours Ill.
of Chicago Illinois.

Eminent Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle of Providence R.I.

Eminent Sir Orrin Welch of Syracuse N.Y.

Companion Aaron V. Willey was proposed for the Orders of Knighthood by Sir J. Quinal Tutting.

The proposition was referred to the following Committee

Sirs J. H. Thomas &
Edward T. Nichols
Joseph Williams.

Receipts since last Conclave

For the Orders of <u>Knighthood</u>	50	00
" <u>Life Membership</u>	1.100	00
" <u>Membership</u>	300	00
" <u>Quarterages</u>	143	75
" <u>Diplomas</u>	4	00
Total	\$1.597	75

At 9 1/2 o'clock the Commandery was closed.

Attest
William Misoir
Recorder.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening January 20th 1875.

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross,
in due form at Six o'clock.

C. for Samuel L. Lawrence, Sr. M. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Chancellor
" J. N. Thomas Jr	Master of the Palace
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate
" James H. Upham	Master of Cavalry
" Francis Lotts	" " Infantry
" Edward A. White	" " Finance
" William Ellison	" " Dispatches
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Bryer	Armorer.
" Edward F. Nichols	Third Guard
" Joseph Williams	Second "
" Francis Doane	First "
" William Stevens	First Assistant "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared

Approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion Aaron P. Willey for the orders of Knighthood made a report, whereon a ballot took place and he was Rejected.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of

Mrs

Isaac Riley

Amos Chapman

William P. Clark

Edgar F. Hunt

Leone J. Quimby

James F. Quinell

Irving S. Palmer,

for Memberships in Boston Commandery, severally reported, and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant they were declared Elected.

Eminent Sir Thomas Arthur Doyle whose name was presented for Honorary Membership in Boston Commandery by E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, was upon a ballot being taken unanimously admitted. Sir Doyle is a resident of Providence R.I.

The names of
E. Sir Vincent Lombard Fairhurst M.D.
of Chicago Illinois
and

E. Sir Orrin Hetch of Syracuse N.Y.

were presented by E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence for Honorary membership in Boston Commandery, but upon a ballot being taken they were not admitted.

The Sir Master announced the death of
Eminent P. L. Sir John Pink M.D.

and appointed

Eminent Past Commanders

Sir Abraham A. Dame

" Charles Edward Powers

" William Hayward

a Committee to prepare and present suitable resolutions upon his decease.

Sir Charles W. Bonn of Woburn received an honorable discharge from Membership in Boston Commandery at his own written request.

Upon Motion the sum of Fifty Dollars was voted for the

relief of the Widow of the late Sir William Pearce,
and the Council were requested to pay the same in such
sums as they may deem proper.

The following named Knights having been notified of
their indebtedness to Boston Commandery for quarterages, as
required by Sec 8 Art 9 of the By Laws, were on motion
discharged from Memberships for Non payment of dues.

Jarvis W Dean	15.00
James E Carpenter	15.00
Orus Clark	15.00
George W Carter	15.00
Thomas F Stockman	32.00
John J Goddard	15.00
George P Knowlton	15.00
W H Gillis	15.00
Aquila Adams	20.00
Elmer C Prescott	20.00
Samuel C Bowdoin	12.50
Total	189.50

Final action upon the indebtedness of Sir John W Chapman
was postponed for sixty days.

Final action upon the
indebtedness of Sir John E M Jolley was postponed for one
month.

Companions

Horace E. Willis

James P. Skinner

Henry L. Batchelder.

Were Created and dubbed

Knights

of the
Mustrious Order
of the

Red Cross.

Visiting Knights.

Eminent Sir Charles Marsh	of Nevada City, California
" Daniel F. Chase	" Somerville Mass.
" P. L. " Charles B. White	" Saint Omer Conn.
" C. " John F. Newton	" Joseph Warren "
" J. F. Wood, Treas	" " " "
" L. D. Dutton Recorder	" " " "
" John Carr, Warder	" " " "
" John Ball	" " " "
" Charles Richards	" " " "
" C. G. George	" " " "

The quarterages of Sir John E. Wylley amounting to twenty dollars have been paid and also Fifty Dollars for his certificate for Life Membership.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For Life Membership	50	00
" Quarterages.	158	75
" Diplomas	3	00
Total	\$ 211	75

At Nine and a half o'clock the Council was closed.

Attest

William Wilson

Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening February 17th 1875.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at Six o'clock.

Sir Samuel L. Lawrence, Eminent Commander

Presiding.

Officers Present

Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Generalissimo
" W. H. Thomas Jr	Captain General
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate
" James H. Mpham	Senior Warden
" J. Frank Lotts	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Benjamin F. Tourse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Bryer	Armorer.
" Edward T. Nichols	3rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2nd Guard
" Francis Doane	1st Guard
" William J. Stevens	1st Assistant Guard
" John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director.

The ~~Records~~ of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared

Approved.

The Committee consisting of the Council to whom was referred the suggestion of Sir Henry G. Fay for a re-hearing of the matter in regard to the delinquency of Sir J. A. Pierce, reported, that in a re-examination of the subject they could discover no evidence or circumstance to change their former report. A communication from Sir Henry G. Fay was read, expressing his concurrence in the views of the Committee.

Upon Motion the report was accepted, and the recommendation of the Committee "that no further action be had in the matter" was unanimously adopted.

By Sir Chat Edward Powers of the Committee to whom was referred the death of E. P. C. Sir John Flint, in behalf of the Chairman of the Committee E. Sir Abraham A. Davis who was prevented from being present on account of the severity of the weather, asked for further time in which to make their report. The request was unanimously granted.

The death of Sir Charles Hall was announced by the Eminent Commander, and Sirs Edwin A. Wadleigh
William B. Bage
Walter M. Bage

were appointed a Committee to prepare a memorial of the deceased.

Upon Motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple a Committee of Five was appointed to consider the expediency of increasing the list of Honorary Members of Boston Commandery, and if deemed expedient, to present such names as in their judgment should be admitted to that honor.

The following Knights were appointed.

Sir Thomas F. Temple
Albert J. Whiting
Daniel W. Lawrence
Henry V. Sawyer
~~Henry G. Fay~~
William C. Ulman
Charles F. Atwood
Samuel Jepsen
William L. Lathrop.

Upon a statement of the eminent Commander that the Council should appear in uniforms corresponding with each other, either in silver or gold trimmings, Sir John L. Stenerson moved that a Committee of five be appointed to whom the matter should be referred.

Eminent Sir W. Marshall moved to amend the motion by directing the Generalissimo and Captain General to provide themselves with gold colored trimmings.

Sir John L. Stenerson asked and obtained leave

to withdraw his motion, and the substitute of
Sir Wyseman Marshall was adopted.

It being announced that eminent Sir
Thomas Arthur Doyle of Providence R.I. was in the
outer court, the Eminent Commander appointed

Sirs
William Ellison
Wyseman Marshall
Henry S. Fay
Edwin Wright
Amasa Whiting

a Committee, to retire and introduce

Sir Knight Doyle within
the Asylum. Upon the introduction of Sir Knight Doyle
by the Committee the Eminent Commander extended to him a
cordial and hearty welcome within our lines.

Sir Knight Doyle upon a subsequent announcement
and introduction by the Eminent Commander as an honorary
member of Boston Commandery returned his thanks
in an eloquent and appropriate speech, for what he
considered the highest honor ever conferred upon him
in the Masonic Fraternity.

Sir Alexander H. Pryer made a statement in regard to the
unpaid funeral expenses of the widow of the late Sir John
Butterworth. and upon motion of Sir Wyseman Marshall
the matter was referred to the council with full powers.

Sirs
Horace E. Willis
James P. Pinney

were created and

Dubbed

Knights of the Valiant
and
Magnanimous Order of the Temple,
Knights Templars.

The Order of Malta
was then

Conferred on the above
named Knights

and
Sirs

Horace E. Willis
James P. Pinney
George D. Shattuck

were proposed for
Membership and by order of the
Eminent Commander

their propositions were referred
to the same Committee who had their applications for
the Orders in charge.

These two lines that look so sage
were merely placed here to fill up the page.

Visiting Knights.

C. Past Commander Sir Charles Harste of California
 C. Grand Recorder " Alfred F. Chapman Boston
 C. P. Commander " James C. Tucker of Warren Conn.

The following named Companions were proposed for the orders of Knighthood and their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Companion Edward Higgins. Proposed by Sir W. C. Temple.

Committee Sirs J. H. Thomas Jr. R. R. Higgins. D. W. Lawrence.

Companion Isabel Barker Proposed by Sir Alex. K. Bryer.

Committee Sirs J. Faus-Lotts Sam. Jepsen. Thos. H. Emmons.

Companion Alfred Gates Proposed by Alex. K. Bryer.

Committee Sirs Edwin Wright James Mills Warren Gardner.

The Committee on By Laws gave notice that at the next convocation of the Commandery, the new edition of the By Laws

would be ready for distribution to the Knights present.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For the Orders of Knighthood	150	00
" Quaterages	215	00
" Diplomas	4	00
" Memberships	75	00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$444</u>	<u>00</u>

At Nine o'clock the Commandery was closed.

Attest
 William Ellison
 Recorder.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening March 17th 1875.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at six o'clock.

E. for Samuel L. Lawrence Eminent Commander
Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Masoufr

" J. H. Thomas Jr

" Rev John P. Bland

" James H. Upham

" J. Frank Sotts

" Edward A. White

" William Ellison

" John L. Stevenson

" Edward J. Long

" Edwin Wright

" Benjamin F. Nourse

" Alexander K. Byer

" Edward T. Nichols

" Joseph Williams

" Francis Doane

" William J. Stevens

" John Brewer Rhodes.

Generalissimo

Captain General

Prelate

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Treasurer

Recorder

Sword Bearer

Standard Bearer

Warder

Sentinel

Armorer

Third Guard

Second Guard

First Guard

First Assistant Guard

Musical Director.

The Records of the last (enclosure) were read, and no objection being made thereto they were declared

Approved.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Edward Rogers

Isabel Barker

Alfred Gates

for the Orders of Knighthood severally reported, whereon a ballot was taken and they were Elected.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of

Sirs

George D. Inattuck

Horace E. Willis

James B. Plimney

for Memberships in Boston Commandery severally reported and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant they were declared Elected.

Reports of Special Committees

Sir Edwin Wright, at the request of the chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of increasing the list of

Honorary Memberships in Boston Commandery, presented the following

Report.

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of increasing the list of Honorary Memberships in Boston Commandery, and if deemed expedient, to present such names, as in their judgement, should be admitted to that honor, respectfully submit the following

Report.

1st That it is expedient to increase the list of Honorary Members, and we recommend the Commandery to do.

2nd That we recommend Boston Commandery to elect as Honorary Members, any Sir Knight, who has been eminently useful to the Masonic Fraternity, or rendered important services to this Commandery, in accordance with Section 4 of Article VI of the By Laws.

3rd That in the opinion of our Committee, the right to nominate candidates for Honorary Memberships is conferred upon every Sir Knight of Boston Commandery, and they therefore deem it inexpedient for them to present any names at this time.

Respectfully Submitted for the Committee

Signed Tho F. Temple

Chairman.

On motion of Sir Edwin Wright the report was accepted and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

By Sir Abraham A. Dame, Chairman of a Committee to whom was referred the death of E. P. K. Sir John Flint presented the following report and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

In Boston Commandery March 17th 1875.

The Committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions on the decease of Eminent Past Grand Commander John Flint make the following Report.

Eminent Sir Knight Flint was born in Petersham in the county of Worcester in this Commonwealth in the month of November 1803, and received an academical Education at Leicester Academy in said county of Worcester. He studied and qualified himself for the practice of the profession of medicine, with a near relative, an eminent and useful practitioner, located in said Leicester, at the same time attending the medical lectures of Harvard University, where he received a medical degree in 1826, and soon afterwards commenced the practice of his profession in this city, where he has ever since devoted himself, with great industry, fidelity, intelligence and skill to its practice. His patients became strongly attached to him, giving him their entire confidence, so that few members of the profession in this city have acquired a more generous support and substantial

success in the practice of their profession.

He was also a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and was highly esteemed by his associates in that institution. He was likewise a valuable and useful member of the School Committee, in this city, for several years, as also a Director in the Public Charitable Institutions.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in a Lodge located in said Leicester, before he came to reside in this city. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, in St Paul's Royal Arch Chapter in this city, and became a member thereof in 1831, and was most Excellent High Priest of said Chapter in 1840 and 1841. He took membership in St John's Lodge in 1834 and was its master in 1839 and 1840, and became an Honorary Member in 1860. He received the degrees in this body in 1832, and its Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1836 and 1837. He was also Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Mass and Rhode Island in 1842 and 1843. He received the degrees in Boston Council of Royal & Select Masters in 1833 & elected an Honorary Member in 1855.

He was Junior Grand Warden of the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mass, in 1852, and Excellent King of the most Excellent Grand Chapter of Mass, the same year.

As a mason he ever discharged the duties devolving upon him in his official relations to the approval and entire satisfaction of his associates, and was always ready and willing to contribute, by his advice, services and otherwise to the promotion of the best interests of the Masonic Institution in all its branches and grades.

Therefore Resolved, That in the decease of Eminent Sir Knight John Hunt the Boston Commandery of Knights Templars has lost the services of one of its most devoted and useful members; one who at all times and under all circumstances manifested his desire to promote the highest interests of not only Templar Masonry, but of Masonry in all its branches.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his Children in this time of their heavy sorrow

Signed Abraham A. Dame
Chas Edward Powers
William Sayward.

Sir Edwin A. Wadleigh, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the death of Sir Charles Hall presented the following report and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, and on motion of Sir James H. Upham a copy thereof was ordered to be sent to the family of the deceased.

To Boston Commandery of Knights Templars.
Sir Knights

Your Committee appointed to prepare and present resolutions on the death of Sir Charles Hall have attended to the duty assigned them, and would respectfully submit the following Report.

Sir Knight Charles Hall was born in Leeds, England in 1814, and came to this country about fifteen years ago, and has been in business in Boston since that period excepting for a short time in Philadelphia.

At the time of his sickness and death he was in the employ of the well known dry goods house of Shepard, Norwell & Co., on Winter Street in Boston. He died of Typhoid Pneumonia in February last after an illness of eight or nine days at the age of Sixty one years, leaving a widow and two Children, but no other relatives in this Country.

He was made a Mason in Union Lodge Dorchester, received the Chapter degrees in St. Matthew's R. A. Chapter, and in Jan'y 1865 was knighted in Boston Commandery, taking membership therein Feb'y 15, 1865.

He and his wife united themselves with the Presbyterian Church under the charge of Rev J. B. Dunn some two years ago. He was a man who had received a fine education, and fitted for most any position in life; a liberal, kind hearted Christian gentleman who won the respect and confidence of all who came in contact with him. Be it therefore

Resolved, That in the decease of Sir Knight Charles Hall we mourn the loss of a true and courteous Sir Knight who was an enthusiastic admirer of Templar Masonry, the remembrance of whose many virtues will long be fragrant and green in our memories.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved widow and Children of our

deceased Sir Knight, who have been deprived of a kind husband and father, their dearest earthly protector and friend, commending them to him whose mysterious ways are fast finding out, but who has promised to be the father of the fatherless, and the widows God, feeling assured that "He doeth all things well."

Courteously Yours
Signed Edwin A. Madleigh
Walter M. Boyden
W. R. Ryle } Committed.

Boston March 17th 1875.

The Eminent Commander announced the death of S. Watson Drew of Woburn and appointed the following Committee to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased.

Sirs George H. Barr
Joseph Kelley
Horace Callanmore.

The Eminent Commander also announced the death of Sir William H. Holbrook who died in California Feb 11, 1875, and appointed

Sirs Edward J. Lang
Charles D. Bennett
Charles Barron

a committee to present appropriate resolutions upon his death.

By order of the Eminent Commander the Commandery recessed from business for fifteen minutes for social intercourse.

Upon being called to order again the E. Commander presented a circular signed by E. Sir J. A. Stott and others, addressed to "The Knights Templars, Companions, and members of the Masonic Fraternity in Massachusetts", proposing to establish a "Masonic Fund" of some certain amount, for the benefit of the widow and children of our late brother and Sir Knight, Rev George L. Voyes late Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, to be so invested that the interest can be drawn for their use.

The petitioners fraternally ask of the Masonic Fraternity, for whom Sir Voyes labored so cheerfully and so well, but especially of those who can afford it, to contribute one dollar each for this purpose. The petition was referred to

Sirs Benjamin A. Hersey
Luther F. Brooks

Walcott S. Greene

for the purpose of aiding in carrying out the views of the petitioners.

Upon motion of Sir Edward A. White, the Baldrick and Upon procured for the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General was ordered to be paid by the Commandery.

The Council reported that Twenty five dollars had been disbursed in assisting to pay the balance of funeral expenses of the widow of Sir John Butterworth.

Upon motion of E. Sir William Hayward a donation of Fifty Dollars was made for the relief of Sir Joseph W Howard.

and upon motion of the Recorder the dues of Sir Howard, amounting to Ten Doll. was remitted.

The quartermasters of Sir John A Chapman having been paid no action was necessary upon his indebtedness, which was referred to the present conclave.

A Circular was received from the Committee of arrangements of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, informing this body that the ceremonies of dedicating the Masonic Hall, by the M W Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of the State of New York, will take place in the city of New York on Wednesday June 2^d 1875. The Committee desired to know before the first day of May next, the names and numbers of Commanderies from abroad, that design participating in the ceremonies of the day.

The subject matter was referred to a Committee of Five to take into consideration and report upon the expediency of participating in the proposed ceremonial.

Sirs
Henry G. Fay, Edwin Wright, Albert T Whiting
Charles Crosby and Saml D Hicks were appointed.

The following eminent Knights were proposed for Honorary Membership in Boston Commandery.

E. Sir James Herrow Hopkins of Pittsburg Penn.
Grand Master of the Grand Encl^t of the U.S.
By Sir Edwin Wright.

Committee Sirs John H Larkin
Parker R Litchfield
William H Maine.

E. Sir Vincent Lombard Hurlbut of Chicago, Illinois
Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encl^t of the U.S.
By E. Sir Winslow Lewis.

Committee Sirs Tho F Temple, Edwin A Wadleigh
S. Worcester Hayden

E. Sir Jeremiah L Hutchinson P.C. of St Johns Com^d Phil^a.
By E. Sir Ch Edward Powers.

Committee
Sirs William Hayward, John D. Morton, Ch E. Fox.

E. Sir Edward Steeles P.C. of St Johns Commandery of Phil^a.
By E. Sir William Ellison.

Committee Sirs Henry Sawyer, Ch P Lauriat, Saml B. Hildreth.

E. Sir Christian Hurlbert P.C. of St Johns Commandery of Phil^a.
Committee By Sir Henry G. Fay
Sirs Henry Endicott, Samuel Jepsen, Henry C. Hunt.

Sir Edward Masson P.C. of St John's Commandery Phil^a.
By Sir William Hayward.

Committee

Sirs C. J. Haydon, Benjamin F. Smith, Gershon Lutter Jr.

Sir Harmanus Neff of Kadosh Commandery 29. Philadelphia.
By Sir John L. Stevenson.

Committee

Sirs Jam^s L. French, M^r T. Guild, James A. Fox.

Sir Edward Augustus White Treasurer of Boston Commandery
By Sir Samuel Japson

Committee

Sirs Albert T. Whiting, M^r C. Ubbinaw, Charles F. Atwood

Upon motion of the Sir John T. Bland the price for extra copies of the new Edition of the By Laws was fixed at seventy five cents pr. Copy.

The following Companions were proposed for the orders of Knighthood and their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Companion Benjamin Howe Proposed by Leonard B. Nichols

Committee Sirs Wm H. Pope, E. T. Nichols, Eugene A. Holtow.

Companion William H. La Pointe Proposed by Sir George L. Eastman

Committee Sirs M^r T. Guild, Edw^d J. Long, H. L. Richardson.

Receipts since Last Conclave.

For Quaterages

307 50

" the Orders of Knighthood

100 00

" Life Membership. Sir Michael Gyer Jr

50 00

" Diploma.

1 00 458 50

Total

\$ 458.50

At Nine o'clock the Commandery was closed.

Attest

William H. Hison

Recorder

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening April 21st 1875.

Opened a Convent of Knights of the



& Sir Samuel L. Lawrence for Master Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Chancellor
" J. H. Thomas Jr	Master of the Palace
" Rev John P. Bland	High Priest
" James H. Upham	Master of Calvary
" J. Frank Lotts	" " Infantry
" Edward A. White	" " Finance
" William Ellisow	" " Dispatches
" Edwin Wright, P. T.	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Bryer	Armorer
" Edward T. Nichols	Third Guard
" Joseph Williams	Second Guard
" Francis Doane	First Guard
" William J. Stevens	First Assistant Guard
" John Brewer Rhodes.	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read, and the name of Sir Edward A. White was ordered to be entered on the Journal in place of Sir John L. Stevenson as proposer for Honorary Membership of Sir Hermann Keff of Kadosh Commandery No 29 of Phil^a. No other objection being made thereto, the Record was declared Approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Benjamin Howe

William H. La Pointe

for the orders of Knighthood severally reported, whereon a ballot was taken and they were declared Elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition to admit to Honorary Membership in Boston Commandery, M. C.

Sir James Herron Hopkins

of Pittsburg Penn., made a report, but upon a second ballot being taken he was not admitted.

Reports of Special Committees

The Committee to whom was referred the death of Sir S. Watson Drew asked and obtained permission to report at the next Conclave.

Sir Edward J. Long Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the death of Sir Wm H. Holbrook submitted the following Report which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

In Memoriam

Now let the soul her plumbers break
Let thought be quickened and awake;
awake to see
How soon this life is past and gone
And death comes softly stealing on
How silently!

Let no one fondly dream again,
That Hope and all her shadowy train
Will not decay;
Fleeting as were the dreams of old
Remembered like a tale that's told,
They pass away.

Our cradle is the starting place,
Life is the running of the race,
We reach the goal
When, in the mansions of the blest,
Death leaves to its eternal rest
The weary soul.

William H. Holbrook was born at Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, Mass July 17th 1821. Commenced business in Boston

in about the year 1838. left for California in 1851 where he engaged in business and remained five or six years, after which he returned to Boston, where he has since remained most of the time in business with his brother C. L. Holbrook until the autumn of 1874, when on account of failing health, he again sought the shores of the Pacific Coast in hopes that the mild winter climate of that region might be a benefit; But he who rules in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, has seen fit in his wise providence to remove him hence.

He died at Grass Valley, Nevada County California March 11th 1875.

His quiet deportment amiable disposition and agreeable manners gained him many friends both among business men and the Masonic Fraternity.

His remains were deposited in the Masonic Cemetery in charge and under the direction of Madison Lodge No. 23 of Grass Valley.

The Nevada Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar of Nevada City furnished an escort for the procession.

Masons from all parts of the county attended, and the services of the order were very impressive.

A large concourse of citizens escorted the remains to the grave, and while the procession was passing through the town, most of the places of business were closed.

Our esteemed Sir Knight was raised in Columbian Lodge Boston June 4th 1863. He received the degrees in Boston Lodge of Perfection, Boston Council, Princes of Jerusalem W. A. M. Chapter of Rose Croix in 1863. Boston Consistory Feb 19th 1864. Was exalted in St Andrews R. A. Chapter April 6th 1864. Admitted to membership May 4th 1864, was

made a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery Oct 15th 1864, admitted to membership Nov 16th 1864. He received the degrees of Select and Royal Masters in Boston Council Nov 27. 1865, and admitted to membership Jan 25th 1866.

For some thirty years Mr Holbrook had been a great sufferer from a complication of diseases, originating in rheumatism, terminating in dropsy; scarcely a murmur or complaint however, was ever heard to escape his lips; he bore his sufferings with fortitude and Christian resignation.

An indomitable will, a cheerful and happy disposition kept him ever faithful to his business duties.

He ever manifested a deep interest in the several Masonic bodies of which he was a member, more especially Boston Commandery, from the stated conclaves of which he was seldom absent. His slender, emaciated form, his cheerful, animated countenance, his knightly greeting and cordial grasp of the hand are familiar to most of us.

Mr Holbrook left no immediate family, except brothers and a sister, but he was a most devoted son, an affectionate, unselfish brother, a generous, warm hearted friend.

In his last moments, when the tide of life was gradually ebbing, although with his brother, surrounded by warm hearted business friends, and still warmer fraternal and knightly brothers and companions, yet he expressed a warm desire once more to visit the place of his birth, to grasp the hands of his many friends he was so soon to leave behind; but in this he was not gratified; he has gone to greet the many friends who

have gone before him in that pure Asylum where we all hope to meet.

Till then, friend, brother, Sir Knight farewell! Light be the ashes upon thee, and may the sunshine of Heaven beam bright upon thy waking.

Signed Edward J. Long
Charles O. Burrill } Committee.
Chas. Darrow

The Committee to whom was referred the circular relating to the death of the Rev Sir George L. Noyes, were not present.

Sir Henry G. Fay Chairman of a Committee appointed to consider the expediency of Boston Commandery's visiting New York City upon the occasion of the Dedication of the new Masonic Temple in June next, submitted the following Report and Recommendation which was accepted and adopted.

In Boston Commandery April 21st 1875.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of Boston Commandery's visiting New York City upon the occasion of the "Dedication of the new Masonic Temple," in June next, respectfully submit the following Report.

Your Committee find that the Commandery has received no special invitation, from

any Masonic body, but only the general one, issued by the Grand Lodge of New York, to all masons throughout the country.

It is not to be supposed therefore, that the Commandery would be the recipients of any particular Knightly Courtesies, but on the contrary, owing to the great rush to New York City, at the designated time, our Sir Knights would be obliged to rely entirely upon themselves, for their Entertainment and Enjoyment.

Your Committee find a strong desire on the part of our Sir Knights, to make a longer pilgrimage, at some future day, and particularly before the retirement of our present popular Eminent Commander from his position at our head. If the Sir Knights should decide to go to New York City, at the time specified, Your Committee is of the opinion, that the trip can be made at an expense not exceeding twenty (\$20.) dollars each, provided not less than One hundred and fifty Sir Knights should be found in the ranks, and the time not extending over more than two days and two nights.

Your Committee is of the opinion however, that but a small number of our Sir Knights are disposed to take the trip, and they are strongly inclined to the belief, that the pleasure derived from such an excursion would not compensate our Sir Knights, for the trouble and expense. They would therefore recommend that the subject matter be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed Henry G. Fay
Edwin Wright
Albert J. Whitang
Chas. Crosby
Samuel S. Hicks

} Committee.

Upon the announcement that E. Sir John Deane of Worcester Mass, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Mass, and Rhode Island and Suite were in the Ante-room, the Sir Master appointed the following named Knights a Committee to retire and escort the Grand Officers into the Council Chamber.

E. P. L. Charles E. Powers

William Hayward

William Ellison

Sirs William H. James
Charles H. Crosby

The official visitors consisting of

E. Sir John Deane, Grand Captain General
" " John F. Newton of Joseph Warren Com^{ds}.
" " Otis E. Welch " St Bernard "

were received under an arch of steel and presented to the Sir Master who extended to them in eloquent terms a cordial and hearty welcome.

The Sir Master invited the Grand Captain General to occupy the chair, which was courteously declined. The Grand Captain General at a subsequent period of the Conclave made an eloquent and interesting address to the Knights present.

Sirs

James E. Tavelat

Ever B. Foster

were honorably

discharged from Membership in Boston Commandery at their own written request.

Companions

Edward Lagrange

Robert Bowker

Alfred Gates

Benjamin Howe

William H. LaPointe

Were Created (and Dubbed

Knights

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Visiting Knights.

E. P. L. Sir J. W. Chamberlain of De Molay Command^{ry},
No. 1 of Tiffin, Ohio,

and

Sir Knight Bruce

of Pilgrim

Commandery

Lowell

were introduced to the

Sir Master

and were courteously welcomed within the lines of our dominions.

Sir Edward J. Long proposed the following amendment to Article VI Sec 4 of the By Laws.

"Amend Article VI Sec 4. by striking out "and the unanimous consent of the members present" and insert, "and on receiving a favorable ballot of four fifths of the members voting."

The amendment was referred to a Special Committee consisting of the following named Knights.

Sirs Henry H. Pope
James M. Gleason
Curtis L. Nichols.

On motion of E. Sir Charles Edward Towers the Council was appointed a Committee with full powers, if deemed by them expedient to tender an escort by Boston Commandery to De Molay Commandery on the reception of their guests the Richmond Commandery of Richmond, Va upon their expected arrival in Boston on or about the 16th of June next.

Sir Edwin Wright re-nominated. U. E. Sir James Herrow Hopkins of Pittsburg, Pa. for honorary Membership in Boston Commandery.

The Sir Master announced the death of Sir Edwin C. Himplton and appointed the following named Knights a Special Committee
to prepare and present

a memorial of the deceased.

Sirs
William H. Thomas
George B. Picckett
Benjamin M. Wedger.

Companion August P. Lighthill was proposed for the orders of Knighthood by Rev Sir John T. Pland. the application was referred to a Committee consisting of the following named Knights.

Sirs Francis Doane
Joseph Williams
Wm L. Lathrop.

Receipts since Last Conclave.

For Quaterages	191	25	
" the Orders of Knighthood	50	00	
" Life Membership Sir Walter Russell	50	00	
" Diploma	1	00	292.25
Total	\$292.25		

At Nine and a half o'clock the Council was closed.

Attest William Ellison.
Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday May 19th 1875

Opened a Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross
in Patric Hall at one and a half o'clock P.M.

G. Sir Samuel L. Lawrence Sir Master Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Chancellor.
" J. H. Thomas Jr	Master of the Palace.
" Rev John P. Pland	High Priest
" James H. Upham	Master of the Army
" Frank Lotts	" " Infantry
" Edward A. White	" " Finance
" William Ellis	" " Dispatches
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warrior
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinell
" Alexander W. Pryer	Armorer
" Edward T. Nichols	Third Guard
" Joseph Williams	Second Guard
" Francis Doane	First Guard
" William J. Stevens	First Assistant Guard
" John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director.

A dispensation having been obtained from R. E. Grand Commander Sir Charles A. Stott, to ballot upon the application of Companion August P. Lighthill for the orders of ~~Knighthood~~ in less than the usual time required by the Grand Constitution, the Sir Master called for the report of the Committee to whom was referred the application.

The Committee Sir Francis Doane, Chairman made a Report whereupon a ballot was taken and Companion August P. Lighthill was elected to receive the ~~Orders~~ of ~~Knighthood~~ in Boston Commandery.

The Council, by order of the Sir Master, under the direction of the Master of Cavalry, proceeded to Egyptian Hall, where the Grand Commandery of Mass and Rhode Island were convened in semi-annual Conclave, for the purpose of exemplifying the order of Red Cross by special command of that R. E. Grand Body.

The R. E. Grand Commander invited the Sir Master and Officers of Boston Commandery to occupy the official positions and proceed to confer the order.

~~Companion~~

August P. Lighthill

was created and dubbed
a Knight of the

Illustrious Order

of the



At 4 1/2 o'clock P.M. the Council was closed.
82 Knights present.

Attest William Ellison
Master of Dispatches.

Wednesday Evening May 19th 1875. Six o'clock P.M.

Opened a Commandery of ~~Knights Templars~~ in due form in presence of the Grand Officers and Knights of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

E. Sir ~~Samuel~~ E. Lawrence Eminent Commander
Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Generalissimo
" J. N. Thomas Jr	Captain General
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate
" James H. Upham	Senior Warden
" Frank Lott	Junior Warden
" Edward White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Knight	Warder
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Byer	Armorer

Edward T. Nichols	Third Guard
Joseph Williams	Second Guard
Francis Goane	First Guard
William J. Stevens	First Assistant Guard
John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director

The Records of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Visiting Knights.

Boston Commandery was honored by the welcome presence of the following eminent and distinguished officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Mass and R. Island.

N. E. Grand Commander	Sir Chas A. Stott of Lowell.
V. E. Deputy "	" Henry W. Rugg " Providence R. I.
E. "	Wyze-man Marshall E. G. Generalissimo
" "	John Dean of Worcester " " Capt General
" "	Nelson W. Aldrich of Prov " " S. Warden
" "	Geo E. Stacy of Milford " " J. "
" "	Mrs Parkman " " Treasurer
" "	Alfred F. Chapman " " Recorder.

and associate Grand Officers.

The following E. Past Grand Officers, being permanent members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island were also present

E. Sir Abraham Amis Dame,	Past Grand Commander of Boston
" " Winslow Lewis	" " " " "
" " Charles Henry Titus	" " " " "
" " William Wilson Baker	" " " " "
" " Nicholas Van Slyck	" " " " "Prov"
" " John McEllaw	" Deputy " " " Boston
" " Thomas Arthur Boyle	" " Generalissimo " " " Prov
" " Henry Lickering	" " Capt General " " " Pittsfield

The following Past and Present Commanders also honored the occasion with their official presence.

E. P. E. Sir John Pike	of Newburyport Comd of Newburyport.
" " " John Eldred	" Washington " " Newport R. I.
" " " John W. Dodman	" De Molay " " Boston, ms
" " " Marlton Williams	" " " " " " "
" " " Edward L. Freeman	" Holy Sepulchre " " Pawtucket R. I.
" " " William F. Salmon	" Pilgrim " " Lowell Ms
" " " Tracy P. Cheever	" Palestine " " Chelsea "
" " " E. Dana Bancroft	" Jerusalem " " Fitchburg "
" " " John B. Norton	" Hugh De Fayens " " Melrose "
" " " Chas H. White	" St Omer " " S. Boston "
" " " Edw H. Prainard	" " " " " " "
" " " James O. Tucker	" Joseph Warren " " Roxbury "
" " " George Moulton	" " " " " " "
" " " William H. Kent	" Coeur De Lyon " " St. Louis "

E. Commander Sir John M. Clark of De Molay Com^d of Boston
 " " William D. Seely " Palestine " " Chelsea
 " " " Benjamin Pope " St. Omer " " S. Boston
 " " John F. Newton " Joseph Warren " " Roxbury.
 " " William J. Ellis " W. Parkman " " E. Boston
 " " George Wymond Fay " South Shore " " Weymouth
 " " William Patterson " Cour De Lyon " " W. Town
 " " " " " Oliver " " Lynn

Sir Ingalls of Oliver Commandery of Lynn
 " Wm Henry Pratt Prelate " South Shore " " Weymouth
 " Wm N. Marsh Recorder " " " " " "
 " Lorenzo P. Dutton " " Joseph Warren " " Roxbury

and
 and a very full representation from many of the Commanderies
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 and Rhode Island.

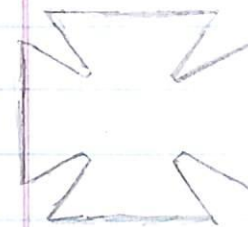
The Commandery proceeded to confer the order of the Temple
 and
 Sirs

Henry L. Batchelder
 Edward Higgins
 Caleb Barker
 Alfred Bates
 Benjamin Howe
 William H. La Pointe
 August P. Lighthill

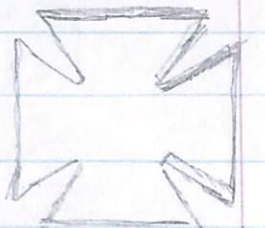
Were Created and Dubbed
 Knights
 of the

Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the
 Temple

Knights Templars.



The Order of Malta



Was then conferred on
 the Knights who had just received the order of the Temple, and
 upon their written application for Membership the Eminent
 Commander ordered their several propositions to be
 referred to the same Committees who had their applications for
 the Orders in charge.

The Eminent Commander, for the Council to whom was
 referred with full powers, if deemed by them expedient to tender
 an escort by Boston Commandery to De Molay Commandery on
 the reception of their guests the Richmond Commandery of Richmond
 was upon their expected arrival in Boston on the 16th of June next,
 reported the following correspondence, pertaining thereto.

Boston Commandery May 1st 1875
 To the

Eminent Commander and Knights of De Molay Commandery.

Sir Knights

At a Stated Enclosure of Boston Commandery held Wednesday Evening April 21st 1875 upon motion of E. Sir Charles Edward Powers the council was appointed a Committee with full authority to tender an escort to De Molay Commandery on the reception of their guests the Richmond Commandery of Richmond Va in Boston on the 16th of June next.

Under the foregoing order, the Council of Boston Commandery desires to express their high regard of the knightly courtesy extended by De Molay Commandery to the Virginia brothers, and are happy to tender the services of Boston Commandery as an escort at the reception, trusting that the occasion will serve to brighten the golden chain of friendship and knightly courtesy which firmly binds our Commanderies in the bonds of brotherly love.

In behalf of the Council I have the honor to be

Very truly and Courteously Yours

William Ellison
Recorder.

The following knightly response was received from the Eminent Commander of De Molay Commandery.

Boston May 15th 1875

Sir Knight Recorder

I am in receipt of your highly esteemed favor of May 1st instant, containing official information of the action of Boston Commandery of Knights Templars, delegating full authority to your Council to tender an escort to De Molay Commandery on the reception of our guests, the Richmond Commandery of Richmond Va, in Boston on the 16th of June next, and also communicating for your Council the tender of the services of Boston Commandery as an escort at the reception.

The Committee having in full charge the arrangements for the reception of our Virginia brothers, have unanimously voted to accept your escort at the reception on June 16th and they will have the honor to communicate with you in relation to the route and hour, as soon as it shall be positively known.

You will please inform Boston Commandery and their Council of the high appreciation with which De Molay Commandery regards this act of knightly courtesy, and for yourself please accept our heart felt esteem for the very graceful and friendly tenor of your communication.

With knightly courtesy
I am truly Yours

Signed John M. Clark
Commander.

Sir Knight William Ellison
Recorder
Boston Commandery
Knights Templars.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr moved that an invitation be extended to the Commanderies in Boston and vicinity to unite with Boston Commandery as a part of the escort.

Sir John L. Stearns moved as a substitute to the above, that the invitation be confined to the Commanderies in Suffolk County.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr accepted the amendment and it was unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to the above invitation the following Circular letter was addressed to the Commanders of the following Commanderies:

Galathea	of Chelsea
St Bernard	" Boston
St Anne	" S. Boston
Joseph Warren	" Roxbury
Wm. Parkman	" E. Boston
Mar De Lyon	" Charlestown

Boston Commandery May 19th 1875

Eminent Sir

Boston Commandery has tendered to De Molay Commandery an escort at the reception of their guests, the Richmond Commandery, on the 16th of June next, and the offer of escort has been accepted.

Boston Commandery at the last stated Conclave voted unanimously to invite the Commanderies in Suffolk County to participate in the proposed parade.

Agreeably to its instructions I have the

pleasure to extend to _____ Commandery a cordial invitation to join in the escort and accept the hospitalities of the occasion.

Trusting that the importance of the reception and the magnitude of the results likely to flow from the welcome visit of our Richmond patrons will elicit a favorable response, I have the honor to be

Very Courteously Yours

William Ellison
Recorder.

Very favorable and knightly acceptances were received from the above named Commanderies, with the exception of St Bernard, whose Commander Sir Otis Everett Weld in declining the invitation desired to have placed on record their reasons for non-acceptance of the invitation. His communication is as follows.

Boston May 31st 1875.

Sir William Ellison. Recorder of Boston Commandery.
Dear Sir and Sir Knight

I am in receipt through you of a communication from Boston Commandery under date of the 19th inst, covering an invitation to participate with them in their reception of Richmond Commandery.

For myself and in behalf of the officers and members of St Bernard Commandery I beg leave to extend to Boston Commandery our hearty thanks

for its knightly courtesy and regard.

I have since seen and consulted with my council and several of the members, and we have decided, in view that our By-Laws require us to appear on parade mounted, that it will be impossible for us in the interim to obtain horses and equipments, and practice the necessary drill, besides many of our active members are at this particular time absent from the city, and we, in any event could parade but a small company, and thus we are constrained to decline your polite invitation.

It would give me great pleasure to be with you on this interesting occasion and make the acquaintance of the gallant Knights and Gentlemen of Virginia.

May I ask that you will kindly make known to your distinguished guests, these facts, as the reason for our non-acceptance of your kind invitation.

I remain in knightly courtesy
Yours very truly

Signed Otis Everett Weld
Commander of St Bernard Commandery.

The Eminent Commander appointed the following named Knights a Committee to make all necessary arrangements for the proposed parade on the 16th of June next.

Sirs
Henry G. Fay

Thomas T. Temple
Albert T. Whiting
George D. Carpenter
Samuel D. Hicks
Charles H. Grady
Samuel W. Willford
Charles J. Hayden
Daniel W. Lawrence.

The Council were subsequently added to the Committee with full powers.

On motion of Sir Edward A. White Treasurer a donation of Twenty five Dollars, was made for the relief of Sir Lucius W. Allen.

It was also voted on motion of the Recorder to remit the quarterages now due from Sir Lucius W. Allen.

The Eminent Commander announced the death of
Sir Charles Lapeere

and appointed the following named Knights a committee to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased.

Sirs
John Betune Jr
Samuel W. Willford
J. Francis Latta.

Companion Simon Highierie was proposed for the orders of Knighthood by Sir William L. Lathrop. The application was referred to a Committee consisting of the following named Knights

Sirs Joseph Williams
Edward T. Nichols
Benjamin F. Nourse.

Receipts since Last Conclave.

For Quaterages	88	75
" the Orders	50	00
" Membership	175	00
" Life Membership	100	00
Sir George Barnard	00	00
" Henry L. Batchelder.	00	00
" Diplomas	100	414.75
Total		\$ 414.75

At nine o'clock and fifty minutes the Commandery was closed. Number of Knights present 438.

Attest William Misou
Recorder.

Addenda.

Wednesday Evening May 19th 1875
10 o'clock.

The invited guests, visiting Knights and members of Boston Commandery, were cordially invited by Eminent Commander Sir Samuel S. Lawrence to repair to the banquet room and partake of a Collation in honor of the seventeenth anniversary of his becoming a Knight Templar. After a short time spent in social enjoyment the Knights retired with hearty thanks for the bounteous repast provided by the Eminent Commander.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday June 16th 1875.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at three o'clock P. M.

E. for Samuel L. Lawrence Eminent Commander
Presiding.

Officers Present

Sir Samuel Mason Jr.	Generalissimo
" W. Thomas Jr.	Captain General
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate
" James H. Upham	Senior Warden
" J. Francis Lotto	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" Edward J. Long	Standard Bearer
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" Francis Doane	First Guard
" William J. Stevens	First Assistant Guard
" John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion Simon Alghieri for the orders of Knighthood made a report whereupon a ballot was ordered and he was declared Elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of
Sirs
Henry L. Batchelder
Edward Higgins
Caleb Bowker
Alfred Bates
Benjamin Howe
William H. La Pointe

for Memberships in Boston Commandery severally reported, and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant they were declared Elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Sir August P. Sighthill for Memberships made a report but upon a ballot being taken he was Rejected.

On Motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple it was ordered that the Sir Master be requested to appoint a Committee of Seven to nominate officers for the ensuing Year, and that they notify the Recorder of the names so nominated, that they may be borne upon the notices for the October Conclave.

The Sir Master appointed the following Knights to constitute that Committee.

Sirs
Thomas F. Temple
William H. Thomas
Samuel L. French
Samuel D. Hicks
Charles H. Crosby
William L. Wiman
Henry A. Sawyer.

A Communication was received from Sir William H. Lewis of Boston, stating that he received his orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery on March 15th and June 19th 1867, was admitted a member September 18th 1867. Paid his membership fee to Sir John Thornton Recorder in Sep 1867, at Sir Thornton's place of business Congress Square, has never received members notices, and upon Enquiry was told that he was not a member, not having paid his membership fee.

Upon this statement of Sir W. H. Lewis which was verified by the Recorder so far as his having received the orders in Boston Commandery, and being elected a member thereof as for above dates,

It was on motion of the Generalissimo Voted to recognise Sir W. H. Lewis as a member of this Commandery from this date upon his signing the By Laws of this Body.

Reports of Special Committees.

Sir William H. Thomas Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the death of Sir Edson E. Thympton presented the following report which was accepted and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Most Eminent Commander,

The late Sir Edson E. Thympton was born in Foxboro, Mass, and died at Hot Springs, Arkansas on the 15th of April 1870, after a long and painful illness. His age was 49 years and eleven months. He was raised and became a member of St John's Lodge of Boston in 1857, and received the degrees and became a member of St. Paul's C. A. Chapter in the same year. He received the orders in Boston Commandery and obtained membership in 1859.

He was a member of the firm of Carpenter, Thympton & Co, and in all his relations through life always conducted himself like a generous and courteous Knight.

During the last five years illness alone prevented his attendance at the conclaves of the Commandery.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That Boston Commandery sincerely regrets the death of one of its most valued members, a Knight who by his fidelity to masonry, and his generous and upright conduct reflected honor on the Commandery and the Masonic institutions with which he was connected.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted

to the family of the deceased Sir Knight.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed Wm H. Thomas
Chairman.

Sir John Botume Jr presented the following preamble and Resolutions on the death of Sir Charles Copeland, which were ordered to be entered upon the Journal.

Whereas, It pleased the Eminent Commander of the Universe to remove by death, from his family and friends on the 30th of April last our dear ^{beloved} Knight and Masonic brother Sir Charles Copeland, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Sir Charles Copeland Boston Commandery mourns the loss of a genial, faithful and honored member, one whose daily walk in life was a beautiful illustration of the golden rule of doing unto others as we would they should do unto you.

Resolved That Boston Commandery sincerely sympathizes with the family and relatives of the deceased in the great loss they have sustained and would commend them to the care and protection of him beneath whose outstretched arm they will ever find a refuge and a support.

Respectfully Submitted
Signed John Botume Jr
for the Committee.

Sir George H. Conn presented the following preamble and resolutions on the death of Sir S. Watson Drew, M.D. which were ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Whereas, On the 18th day of February last the angel of death pierced the folds of our tent, and removed from a healthy and vigorous activity, the large hearted and faithful Knight and masonic brother Sir S. Watson Drew. As a Christian Knight and Soldier of the Cross he passed away peacefully and resigned, looking beyond the grave for a blissful immortality.

Resolved That the Masonic fraternity, as well as the order of Knighthood has been called to part in this earthly life with one, whose fidelity to its great teachings; whose earnest desire to fulfill all its requirements was exemplified in his every act and duty of life.

Resolved That Boston Commandery can find consolation only, in the death of one of its most cherished members, in the belief that he has been transferred to that brighter world, where the panoply of Knighthood will be laid aside for the robes of an immortal existence.

Resolved That we tender to his aged mother, his bereaved wife and children our sincere sorrow for the loss of an affectionate son, a tender and devoted husband, and a kind and loving father.

Commending them to the care of that heavenly protector who has said "Come unto me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Respectfully Submitted

Signed George H. Conn
for the Committee.

A dispensation was received from R. S. Grand Commander Sir Charles A. Stott, dated Lowell, Ms. May 20th 1875 granting permission to Boston Commandery to appear in public in full Templar uniform and with Banners on the 16th of June 1875 for the purpose of participating in the reception of Richmond Commandery.

Companion Charles D. Woodberry was proposed for the orders of Knighthood by the Recorder.

This application was referred to a Committee consisting of the following named Knights.

Sirs Edward A. White
William L. Adams
A. W. Harrison

On motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple it was voted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on the 3rd Wednesday in October next, unless sooner called together by the E. C.

Withdrawn, as he had not received the R. A. Degree.

The following Companions were proposed for the orders of Knighthood, and their applications were referred to the following Committee.

Companion Luis Walter Young, Proposed by Sir M^r H Thomas

Committee Sirs Sam^r W Blifford, Fred T. Comee, The H Emmens

Companion Andrew Jackson Jones, Proposed by Sir Nathl D Sawin

Committee Sirs J H Thomas Jr, C. F. Nourse, J. Williams

The following named Knights have applied for and have received Certificates for Life Membership since the last record, making One Hundred in all to date.

Isaac Riley

Amos Chapman

Nathaniel D. Sawin

Daniel Gregory

George Brown

Isabel B. Allen

Charles J. Devereaux.

Isaac H. Meserve

Frank A. Kennedy

Edward G. Nichols

William J. Stevens.

Receipts since Last Conference.

For Quaterages.

451 25

" the Orders of Knighthood

100. 00

" Life Membership

550 00

" Membership

0. 00

" Diplomas

7 00. 25

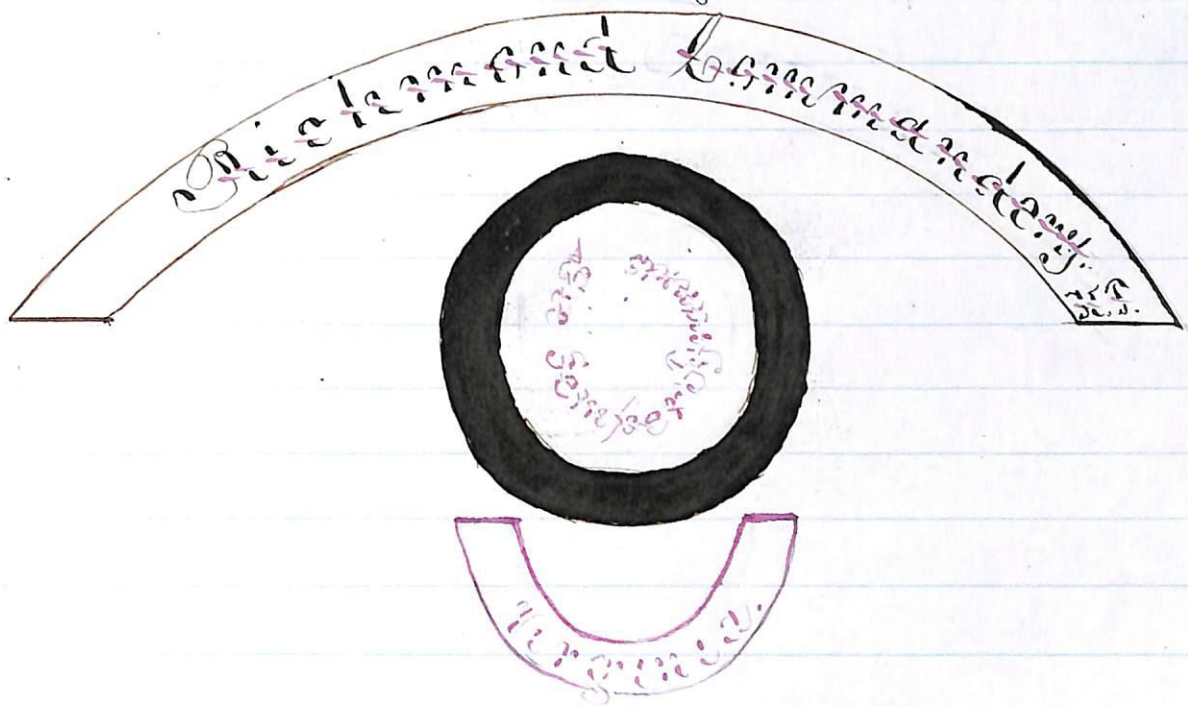
Total \$1108.25

The Commandery Closed at 2 1/2 PM

Attest William Meserve
Recorder.



Escort
at the
Reception
of



Armory of Boston Commandery
June 16th 1875

Pursuant to orders from the Eminent Commander, Boston Commandery took its departure from Massie's Temple at 2.45 P.M., and marched to Arlington Street, where the lines of the escort were formed at 3 P.M., the right resting on Bay View Street.

Master of Boston Commandery.

Eminent Commander Sir Samuel C. Lawrence
Generalissimo " Samuel Mason Jr.

Captain General Sir Zephaniah H. Thomas /
 Adjutant, or acting Senior Warden,
 at the request of Sir James H. Ubborn,
 and consent of the Eminent Commander

Captain of Red Cross Co	Sir John L. Stevenson
" " 1 st Co Knights Templar	" James H. Ubborn
" " 2 " "	" Francis G. L. L.
" " 3 " "	" Charles C. Fox
" " 4 " "	" James A. Fox
" " 5 " "	" Charles Hayden
" " 6 " "	" Samuel H. Clifford
" " 7 " "	" Edward T. Nichols
" " 8 " "	" Thomas T. Temple
" " 9 " "	" Janis D. Draman
" " 10 " "	" Eugene H. Richards
" " 11 " "	" Alexander A. Myer
" " 12 " "	" John S. Gamrell
" " 13 " "	" William G. Train

Aid to Eminent Commander Sir George C. Carpenter,
 Sir Albert T. Whiting was detailed to attend the
 Commander of De Molay Commandery.

The Commanderies composing the Escort comprised the
 following Eminent Bodies.

Boston Commandery. E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence Commanding
 with full Band of Music and 310 Knights.

Palestine Commandery of Chelsea E. Sir William D. Deely
 Commanding with full Band of Music and 130 Knights.

Saint Omer Commandery of South Boston E. Sir Benjamin Pope
 Commanding with full Band of Music and 94 Knights

Joseph Warren Commandery of Roxbury E. Sir John F. Newton
 Commanding with full Band of Music and 114 Knights

William Parkman Commandery of East Boston E. Sir William J. Ellis
 Commanding with Band of Music and 86 Knights

Cœur De Lion Commandery of Charlestown E. Sir William Patterson
 Commanding with Band of Music and 74 Knights.

Saint Bernard Commandery through its Eminent Commander
 E. Sir Otis Everett Wild respectfully declined the invitation
 to participate in the escort for satisfactory reasons as
 communicated in his letter of May 31st as entered upon the
 Journal.

The Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery also extended to
 the Councils of the following Commanderies, within easy
 access of Boston, an invitation to participate officially in the
 Escort.

Worcester County Commandery of Worcester Mass	
Springfield	" Springfield "
Pilgrim	" Lowell "
Detham	" Lawrence "
Winthrop Lewis	" Salem "

Jerusalem Commandery of Fitchburg Mass
 Hugh De Fayens " " Melrose "
 Oliver " " Lynn "
 Cyprus " " Hyde Park "

The invitations were courteously accepted and most if not all of the above named Commanderies were officially represented.

De Molay Commandery received their guests the Richmond Commandery, who arrived at the Boston and Providence R R Station at 3.40, and took up the line of march, passing the escort, and resting on Beacon Street.

The escort then preceded the column, and marched over the following route. Through Arlington, Beacon, Berkeley, Columbus Avenue, Dartmouth, Tremont, Winter Summer, Devonshire, State, and Merchants Row, to Faneuil Hall.

Where an address of welcome was made by Sir John M. Clark, E. L. of De Molay Commandery, which was eloquently responded to by the E. C. Tamm of No 113 Isaacs. G. O. of Va

After which Alderman Clark representing the City government of Boston extended to the visiting Knights a cordial and hearty welcome. The Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery in response to a call made a happy and appropriate speech on behalf of his escort.

The Knights were then called from labor to refreshment and a pleasant interchange of knightly courtesies took place.

After which the escort was re-formed and conducted De Molay Commandery and their guests, via Merchants Row,

State, Court and Hanover Streets, to their headquarters at the American House.

Thence the escort marched to Old Fellers Hall and partook of a bountiful collation, by special invitation of Sir James L. Laurence Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery.

After an hour of pleasant social intercourse, the festivities closed, and the several Commanderies departed for their respective head quarters.

On the 10th of June, by order of the E. Commander of Boston Commandery the following notice was issued to the several Commanderies composing the escort.

E. L.

Eminent Sir

The escort will assemble at 3 o'clock P.M. June 16th on Arlington Street, where the lines will be formed at 3.15 o'clock with the right resting on Boylston Street.

The enclosed circular will inform you of the route of the procession etc. Should the weather prove inclement, the escort will assemble at the Masonic Temple.

Please report about the number your command will parade, so that the total number to be collated may be approximated.

Yours Courteously

William Ellison

Recorder

Letters have been received from the Commanders of the

Various bodies forming the escort tendering hearty thanks to Boston Commandery for its knightly courtesy and princely hospitality. The following from the E. C. of Palestine Commandery is expressive of the sentiments of the E. Commanders of the Commanderies forming the Escort.

Palestine Commandery, K. T.
Chelsea, June 20th 1875.

For Samuel V. Lawrence

Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery
Ems Sir

I have the honor to address you in behalf of the Officers and members of Palestine Commandery, who desire me to express to you their grateful appreciation of the knightly courtesy and princely hospitality, of which they were the recipients at the hands of Boston Commandery on the occasion of the reception of Richmond Commandery on the 16th inst.

I would also take this opportunity to congratulate Boston Commandery on its splendid appearance and knightly bearing on the occasion referred to, and you personally, on the complete success of your efforts to make the reception as imposing as possible, and worthy the memorable event; the fruits of which must prove pleasant to the hearts of all interested; and who is not? I earnestly hope Eminent Sir, your reward will be commensurate with your services.

Very Respectfully & paternally, Yours Obedt. Servant
Wm D Seely E. C.
Palestine Commandery.

A communication was also received from the Em. Com of De Molay Commandery, of which the following is a copy.

Boston June 23rd 1875.

For Knight Samuel V. Lawrence

Eminent Commander,

Boston Commandery, Knights Templars.

Dear Sir Kt. and Bro

The days of our recent festive re-union with our Richmond guests are over, and they have returned homeward, let us hope with hearts of love and more kindly regard for our branch of the common family of our Country.

It is my duty and my great pleasure to allude to the pageant organized by you as an escort complimentary to De Molay Commandery and in honor of our guests the Richmond Commandery No 2 of Richmond Va.

The gorgeous array of Knights Templars of the several Commanderies of Suffolk County, composing the escort was unparalled in numbers and brilliancy by any within my knowledge; and this generous mass of regard for De Molay Commandery manifested by Boston Commandery, will ever be treasured by the members of De Molay, and held up as an example of genuine knightly courtesy and fraternal regard.

Please convey to the officers of the several commanderies composing the escort, our high appreciation of the honor they have

shown to De Molay, the recollection of which will be ever
fresh in our hearts. with great regard
and fraternal affection

Signed John M. Clark
Commander
De Molay Commandery.

In pursuance of the request contained in the foregoing
communication the Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery
ordered the Recorder to issue the following letter of thanks
to the Eminent Commanders of the Commanderies forming the
escort.

To _____ E. Commander of
Em Sir

The Eminent Commander of
De Molay Commandery, Em Sir John M. Clark, requests
Boston Commandery to convey to the several Commanderies
composing the escort at the reception of Richmond Commandery
Nov 2, June 16th "the high appreciation De Molay Commandery
entertains of the honor shown them, the recollection of which
will be ever fresh in their hearts".

The Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery
is happy to avail himself of this opportunity to express in
behalf of his command, its grateful sense of the ready assistance
rendered by the welcome presence of your excellent command,
towards making the escort a pageant worthy of the memorable
occasion.

Trusting that time will continue to

strengthen the knightly cordiality existing between our
Commanderies

I have the honor to be
Sincerely Yours
William Ellison
Recorder.

The Committee appointed to perfect the arrangements for the escort
at the reception given by De Molay Com^y to their guests, Richmond Com^y,
+ 2, on the 16th June, Report that an assessment of \$1. each was levied upon the
Knights participating in the parade to defray the expense & that the receipts and
Expenditures were as follows.

Receipts - 273 Assessments @ \$1.00 each	\$273.00
Expenditures. Brown's Brigade Band	208.00
Henry Bean for services of 11 Waiters etc	46.82
Use of Boylston Hall	18.18
	\$273.00

All of which is respectfully submitted, signed S. C. Lawrence
for the Committee.

In closing this record the Eminent Commander desires to place
upon the Journal his high appreciation of the gallant & knightly
bearing, ready and correct discipline exhibited by the Knights
of Boston Commandery and all who participated in the parade
and escort upon the reception of Richmond Commandery of
Richmond, Va.

Attest William Ellison
Recorder.

In Immortality.

Renown

and

Grace is Dead. Shakesp.



Special Circular.

Friday August 6th 1875.

Opened a commandery of Knights Templars in
due form pursuant to the following order of the
Eminent Commander, at 12 o'clock M.

Boston August 4th 1875

Sir Knight:

You are requested to meet at the Armory,
Masonic Temple, Friday, 6th instant, at 12 M., for
the purpose of escorting the M. W. Grand Lodge of
Massachusetts in attending the funeral obsequies of the
late R. E. Sir Winston Lewis.

Let every Sir Knight appear
in full regalia to pay the last and tribute of affection to
our beloved and Most Eminent Sir Knight.

Per Order

William Union
Recorder.

Officers Present

E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence.

Sir Samuel Masow Jr

" J. H. Thomas Jr

" Rev John P. Pland

" James C. Upham

" Francis Lott

Eminent Commander

Generalissimo

Captain General

Prelate

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Sir Edward A White
 " William Ellison
 " John L. Stevenson
 " A. K. Dryer
 " Edwin Wright
 " Benjamin F. Nurse
 " Alexander H. Dryer
 " Edward T. Nichols
 " Joseph Williams
 " Francis Doane
 " William J. Stevens
 " John P. Rhodes

Treasurer
 Recorder
 Sword Bearer
 Standard Bearer, P. T.
 Marker
 Sentinel
 Armourer
 Third Guard
 Second "
 First "
 First Ad^t "
 Musical Director.

The Eminent Commander announced in appropriate language the death of M. E. Sir Winslow Lewis, and that the present convocation was for the purpose of escorting the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in attending the funeral obsequies of our beloved and M. E. Sir Knight.

The Eminent Commander appointed the following Sir Knights to act as Captains of Companies forming the line.

First Co. Sir J. Frank Lotte
 Second " " Alexander H. Dryer
 Third " " E. H. Richards
 Fourth " " J. L. Stevenson.

The following named Knights were appointed a Guard of Honor to accompany the remains

untill deposited in the last resting place.

E. Sir William Hayward
 " James H. Upham
 " Thomas Beals
 " William Ellison

The Eminent Commander appointed
 Rev Sir John P. Gland
 E. " Henry Endicott
 " J. H. Thomas Jr

a Special
 Committee to prepare and present a memorial of
 the deceased.

At one P. M. the Commandery escorted the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to St. Pauls Church, and at the close of the ceremonies, the line of march was again formed, and the escort proceeded with the remains, to the division line on Beacon Street.

The Guard of Honor then accompanied the body, untill its final deposit.

And thus was closed to mortal vision all that remained of the warm heart that throbbed for others woes, of the courteous and gallant knight, the genial brother, the Christian gentleman and shining ornament to Free Masonry. In closing up our lines, noting its gaps, how deeply do we miss such as he, who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in

life's march of duty— now fallen in death by the way.

His memory is embalmed in our hearts; we cherish the recollection of his life, and we inscribe his name, high up on the scroll that bears the record of the faithful heroes of Free Masonry.

The Eminent Commander announced the death of Sir Richard Manning Parker, and appointed the following Committee to prepare a memorial of the deceased.

Sirs William H. Guild
James A. Fox
Benjamin F. Smith.

The Eminent Commander also announced the death of Sir Henry C. Stratten and appointed the following Knights a Committee to prepare and present a memorial of our deceased Sir Knight.

Sirs Thomas H. Temple
Eduard A. Wadleigh
John B. Dearborn.

Attest William Hison
Recorder.

Seventieth Annual Conclave.

Wednesday Evening October 20th 1875.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at Five o'clock. P. M.

E. Sir Lancelot L. Lawrence Eminent Commander
Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Generalissimo
" J. H. Thomas Jr	Captain General
" Rev John D. Dand	Prelate
" James H. Upham	Senior Warden
" Francis Lotts	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Allison	Recorder
" John L. Stevenson	Sword Bearer
" A. K. Byer	Standard Bearer P. T.
"	Warder P. T.
" Benjamin A. Nurse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Byer	Armorer
" Edward T. Nichols	Third Guard
" Joseph Williams	Second Guard
" Francis Doane	First Guard
" William J. Stevens	First Asst Guard
" John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Louis Walter Young
Andrew Jackson Jones

for the orders of Knighthood, severally reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered and they were declared Elected.

Reports of Committees.

The Eminent Commander as Chairman of the Committee on Finance } which was accepted and adopted.
made the following }
Report

Boston October 20th 1875

To Boston Commandery of Knights Templars:

The

Committee on Finance have audited the accounts of the Recorder and Treasurer for the past term, and find that they have been properly and accurately kept. The Treasurer has on file duly approved vouchers for all of the disbursements.

The following synopsis shows the

receipts of the Recorder from the various sources during the year:

Fees for the orders,	950	00
" " Diplomas,	24	00
" " Membership,	625	00
" " Quarterages,	1975	00
" " Life Membership,	3200	00
Total	6774	00

Much amount has been promptly paid into the Treasury in strict compliance with the Bylaws, which require monthly payments.

A synopsis of the Treasurer's accounts is as follows:

Receipts.

Balance on hand as per report of Oct 19, 1874	333	35
Cash from the Recorder,	6774	00
" " Trustees of the Permanent Fund	503	93
" " Sale of Drawers in the Armory	112	00
" " Subscriptions for Charity	475	00
" " 150 Copies of By Laws	150	00
" Insurance refunded	31	15
" Interest on balances in Bank	24	46
Total	8403	89

Expenditures

Fees refunded to rejected candidates 150.00
Car & forward.

Expenditures, Prot forward	150 00	
Rent, Gas and Heating	1,184 20	
1008 Copies of By Laws	778 01	
Insurance	182 33	
Funeral Expenses	594 75	
Charity	480 00	
Collations	359 25	
Printing	282 21	
Postage etc,	154 19	
Recorders Salary	200 00	
Armors "	145 00	
Sentinel's "	55 00	
Organist's "	40 00	
Choir "	20 00	
Ceremonials	46 00	
Dues defaulted by Frederick A Pierce, Collector in 1873	10 00	
Grand Commandery dues	100 75	
Baldric's and Aprons for two officers (Genl & Cap G.)	80 00	
Charter Case	20 00	
Blank Books for Recorder and Treasurer,	29 15	
Repairs of Paraphernalia,	36 97	
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,947.81	
64 fees for Life Membership paid Trustees of the Permanent Fund	\$ 200.00	
	\$ 8,147.81	
Balance in the Treasury,	256.08	\$ 8,403.89
		\$ 8,403.89

Permanent Fund.

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the

Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Boston Commandery, and find them correct.

The Board has received amounts as follows:

Balance on hand as per report of Oct 19, 1874	6,700 00	
64 Fees for Life Membership	3,200 00	
Interest	503 93	10,403.93
Total		\$ 10,403.93

In compliance with the requirements of the By Laws and the instructions of the Standing Committee on Finance the Board has paid into the Treasury of the Commandery the income of the fund for the past term amounting to } 503.93
The total of the Permanent Fund is now \$ 9,900.00

Of which the board has invested in a mortgage on real estate in Boston, with interest at 7% per cent per Annum } 4657.66

Balance of Cash in the hands of the Trustees, for investment, lying on deposit in the Maverick Bonds, with interest at } 5,242.34 \$ 9,900.00
four per cent per Annum, " " }

The By Laws require that one tenth of the entire annual receipts of the Commandery, excepting the fees for Life Membership and the income of the Permanent Fund, shall be added to the principal of the Permanent Fund. The actual receipts for the past year are as follows:

Fees for the orders \$950. less \$150. refunded	800. 00	
" " Diplomas	24. 00	
" " Membership	625. 00	1,449.00
Carried forward.		

Amount Prot Forward	1.449	00
Quarterages	1.975	00
Income from Sale of Drawers in the Armory	112	00
Insurance refunded	31	15
Interest on Balances in the Bank	24	46
	<u>\$ 3,591.</u>	<u>61</u>

One tenth of which, namely, \$359.16, is due the Permanent Fund. The unusual outlay incurred for printing the new By Laws at a nett expense of \$628, and the increase, about \$300. in the funeral expenses of the year necessitated by the attendance of the Commandery at the funeral of Mr Ew Winslow Lewis as an escort to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Mass, agreeably to its request, have rendered necessary the postponement of the payment of the amount this year due the Permanent Fund. The amount of quarterages \$217.50, covered by Life Membership the past year has also contributed to this necessity.

The property of the Commandery, consisting of Regalia, etc, is insured for twenty five thousand dollars.

Work.

During the past year seventeen Candidates have been accepted to receive the orders, and two have been rejected.

15 Candidates have received the order of the Red Cross.

17 " " " " " " " Temple.

17 " " " " " " " Malta.

Sirs W. B. Tower and Simon Alghieri are entitled to all of the orders.

The Recorder has on hand Twenty blank diplomas.

Membership.

Seventeen Knights have been admitted to Membership, and one has been reinstated in Membership. All of them have fully qualified by signing the By Laws.

Number of Members last year	555
" " " admitted this year	17
" " " reinstated	1
	<u>573</u>

Discharged from Membership	11
Died during the year	10
Dismissed	4
	<u>25</u>

Present Number of Members, 548.
of whom fourteen are Honorary and One hundred Life members.
The fees of two of the latter will appear in next year's report, they not having been paid in season for entry in this report.

Dues.

The dues of 1874 covered by Life Membership, death, remission, and discharge for non-payment are enumerated in the following detailed statements:

Dues Covered by Life Membership.

James Atwood	5.00	Worcester Hayden	5.00
Chas F Atwood	5.00	Mrs A Hedges	1.25

Frank W Ames	2.50	Samuel D Hicks	2.50
George O Braslow	5.00	Francis H Johnson	2.50
John Potune Jr	5.00	Joseph Kelley	5.00
Augustus B Bailey	5.00	Dan W Lawrence	5.00
William J Bride	5.00	John J Murphy	2.50
Thomas Beals	5.00	Laban Pratt	5.00
John Blackie	5.00	Joseph W Robertson	5.00
Charles H Buss	5.00	George P Cowell	5.00
Amasa W Bailey	1.25	Benjamin F Smith	5.00
Henry J Bacon	5.00	W Henry Story	5.00
Thomas Cunningham	5.00	Ralph W Shattuck	5.00
George O Carpenter	5.00	Edward P Thayer	5.00
Chas W Carswell	5.00	Thomas F Temple	5.00
D Gilbert Dexter	5.00	Marshall P Wilder	5.00
Jonas Fitch	5.00	Dan W Watson	5.00
Malcolm C Greene	5.00	Henry F Whidden	5.00
James M Gleason	5.00	Henry F Wade	5.00
Edwin L Howard	5.00	Benjamin M Medger	5.00
William S Hills	5.00	Albert J Whiting	5.00
Henry Hobart	5.00	Amasa Whiting	5.00
Henry M Wild	5.00	George Young	5.00
Rynear S. Young	5.00		
<u>Total</u>		217.50	

Dues Covered by Death.

William H. Holbrook	5.00
Theodore A Gore	5.00
Edson E. Plympton	5.00
Henry C. Stratton	5.00
<u>20.00</u>	

Dues Covered by discharge from Membership for non-payment of dues.

Aquila Adams	20.00	Jarvis W Dean	15.00
Samuel B Bowdoin	12.50	William K Ellis	15.00
James O Carpenter	15.00	John J Goddard	15.00
George W Carter	15.00	George Knoubtton	15.00
Orus Clark	15.00	Ebenezer C. Prescott	20.00
		Thomas W Stockman	22.00
<u>Total</u>			189.50

Dues Remitted.

Lucius W. Allen	5.00	Walter F. Dicknell	5.00
Joseph W Howard	10.00	James C. Dorr	1.25
<u>Total</u>			21.25

Dues Exempt. Ex officio.

Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentine l	5.00	Albert C. Ryder	5.00
Henry A. Cook	} Quartette	5.00	W. H. Fessenden	5.00
Dan F. Fitz		5.00		
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Total				25.00

For reasons deemed satisfactory to your Committee they have remitted the dues of six Knights as follows.

John L. Page	dues of 1873, 1874 & 1875	15.00
William P. Hawes	" " 1874 & 1875	10.00
George I. Robinson	" " " "	10.00
Carried forward		\$ 35.00

Dues remitted & not forward		35.00
✓ Chester Sanderson dues of	1874 & 1875	10.00
✓ James A D Worcester	" "	10.00
✓ Nathl M. Fullerton	" "	5.00
✓ Freeman C. Raymond	" "	5.00
Joseph L. Ross	" "	10.00
✓ Samuel J. Pison	" "	10.00
✓ William W. Miller	" "	10.00
✓ Benjamin F. Tenney	" "	10.00
Total		\$ 105.00

The Committee believing that Sir John S. H. Fogg has had ample notice to pay his indebtedness or forfeit his membership, recommend that without further notice he be and is hereby discharged from membership.

Your Committee have made an agreement with the four members of the Temple Quartette to the effect that their dues shall be remitted from year to year in consideration of the following services to be rendered each year.

The Quartette engage themselves to sing at the stated Conclaves in June. They agree to sing also at some one other Conclave, or at a funeral, provided arrangements can be made which will not conflict with their professional engagements. The Quartette consists of Sirs Henry A. Cross Daniel H. Fitz, Albert C. Ryder and M^r H. Henderson.

Total Quarterages due.

The amount of quarterages due October 21st 1874, was as

per report of the Committee on Finance \$2,643.25
 Amount of quarterages of years previous to }
 1875 since charged. } 186.25
 Total due Oct 21, 1874 \$2,829.50

The amount of dues cancelled during }
 the past year are as follows.

By Life Membership	217.50
" Deaths,	20.00
" Discharge for non-payment of dues,	189.50
" Remission,	21.25
" Exemption	25.00
	473.25
	\$2,356.25

of which amount there were collected, 1,930.00

Balance of old dues remaining unpaid \$426.25

The amount of quarterages due October 20, 1875 is 2,132.50
 Total 2,558.75

Amount of dues remitted pages 8, Finance Report 105.00

" " " for 1875, already paid, 45.00

" " " " " covered by Life }

Memberships as follows

Gale C. Allen 5.00 Isaac H. Meserve 5.00

George Bird 5.00 Paul Gregory 5.00

Amos Chapman 3.75 Isaac Riley 3.75

Chas J. Doreau 5.00

Frank A. Kennedy 5.00

Nathl D. Savin 5.00 42.50 192.50

Balance due, \$2,366.25

Delinquents.

The Committee recommend that Section 8, Article IX of the By Laws, relating to forfeiture of membership, be enforced in the cases of the following named delinquents, and that the Recorder be instructed to officially notify them in accordance with its requirements:

Augustus H Russell	15.00	Henry N Kimball (since paid pro.)	15.00
Harvey T. Litchfield	15.00	Thomas LeFrancis Jr	20.00
Symon B. Nestor	10.00	Philip A. Ridgeway	15.00
Chas E. Swimmerston	15.00	Dan G. Walton	15.00
Aurelius S. Weymouth	15.00	William B. Rothamby	10.00
George F. Foys	10.00	Joseph W. Hayden	10.00
		Lideon Mansfield	10.00
			\$ 175.00

The dues of 1875 are included in the above amounts.

All of which is Courteously submitted.

(Signed) Samuel B. Laurence E. C. } Committee
 " Samuel Massey Jr G. } on
 " J. H. Thomas Jr C. G. } Finance.

Armorer's Report. October 20th 1875.

Property owned by Commandery and in charge of Armorer.

1 Eminent Commanders Jewel and Case.

1 Charter and Case. 1 Gavel. 1 Copy Scripture Lessons
 1 Templars Banner, Staff and Belt
 1 Red Cross " " " "
 1 Black Walnut Banner Case. 1 Sovereign's Robe. 1 Crown
 1 Silk and one Linen Cassock for Prelate.
 1 Mitre, 1 Crook and 1 Templars Regalia for Prelate.
 3 Dress Swords and Belts for Officers of Council.
 3 Red Cross Sashes and Aprons.
 16 Jewels for Officers and 1 Jewel Case. 2 Ballot Boxes.
 24 Spears and 2 Guidons. 1 Mirror 1 Clock & 3 Chandeliers
 2 Candidates Robes. 15 Glass Goblets. 1 Pitcher. 2 Relics.
 1 Trumpet 1 Triangular Hair Cloth Cushion. 12 Silver Candelsticks.
 1 Gilt Bronze Candelstick. 1 Feather Duster. 1 Hair Brush & Comb.
 6 Spittoons 1 Dagger 5 Battle Swords. 2 Goblets. 3 plates & case for gards
 12 R Arch & 40 White Aprons. 12 Messengers Badges. 2 Bibles.
 2 Square & Compasses. 1 Doz Wine Decanters for Banquet Table.
 4 Dr Wine Glasses. 3 Staw Koffers 1 Table Case 2 Baskets. 1 Tunnel.
 1 Corro Screw 1 pair E. C. Shoulder Straps. 5 pairs E. C. Shoulder Straps.
 2 Baldries and 2 Aprons.

475 Copies of the By Laws.
 Property owned in Common with St. Molay and Saint
 Barnard Commanderies.

1 Triangle and velvet covering
 1 Coffin and Pall. 2 Captive Chains.
 11 Candidates Swords and Belts.
 3 Small Tables for Guards
 1 Stand & Bowl. 1 Transparency
 11 Green Sashes 2 Pilgrims Staffs.
 Respectfully Submitted, signed A. K. Dryer, Armorer.

Report of Committee on Nomination for Officers.

Boston October 5th 1875

Eminent Commander

The Committee appointed at the last regular meeting of Boston Commandery, to nominate officers for the ensuing year, beg leave to present the following
Report

For Eminent Commander,	Sir Samuel Mason Jr
" Generalissimo	" Jephaniah Harrison Thomas Jr
" Captain General	" James Humphreys Upham
" Treasurer	" Edward Augustus White
" Recorder	" William Ellison
" Prelate	" Rev John Pinder Bland
" Senior Warden	" Jacob Francis Lotts
" Junior Warden	" John Lindsay Stevenson
" Trustees for three Years	" Dan Warren Lawrence

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed Thomas F. Temple
Wm N. Thomas
S. L. French
Samuel D. Hicks
Chas H. Crosby
Henry V. Sawyer
William C. Utman

On motion the report was accepted and ordered on file.

Mortuary.

Report of Special Committee on the death of M. E. Sir Winslow Lewis.

Rev Sir John P. Bland presented the following memorial paper on the death of Sir Winslow Lewis which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

Boston Commandery October 20th 1875.

Your Committee on the death of our M. E. Past Commander Dr Winslow Lewis beg leave to submit the following Memorial and Resolutions.

The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, the angel of death has put forth his sickle into our sheaves, but has cut down none more rich, more ripe, more ready for the Kingdom, as our M. E. Past Commander Dr Winslow Lewis.

Sir Knight Lewis was born in Boston on the 8th of July 1799, he graduated at Harvard University in 1819, took his degree of M. D. in 1822, and after spending several years in professional study under the most eminent Surgeons in Europe he returned, and in 1828 was married and settled in his native city. He began at once to acquire a lucrative practice and honorable distinction in his profession. He was chosen at one time physician of the municipal institutions, of the House of Correction, and was for many years one of the consulting physicians both of the Mass General Hospital, and the Boston City Hospital.

He was the founder, and for many years the President of the Boston Medical School, the founder of the Gynecological Society, one of the Editors of its Journal, and a member of the American Medical Society of Paris. Yet these were but a part of his public services. There is hardly a way in which a wise and good man can be a help to men in which he did not help them. As a Citizen he was a member of the Common Council, and a representative from Boston to the General Court. As an Educated man he took an active interest in both the common and the higher education, being for years on our School Committee, and a member of the board of overseers of Harvard University. As a New Englander he was connected with, and for five years was President of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

And for five years he was also President of the Numismatic Society.

As an American he was loyal to, and loved his country, while as a man he loved men every where, he crossed the Atlantic fourteen times, and counted among his friends and acquaintances both nobility and kings in Europe.

Yet with all this outward activity and work, his mental Education was continuous. He not only kept fresh and bright his earlier classical and other learning, but also found time to keep up with the living thought and ever widening Culture of our own day; and among his literary and scientific labors may be mentioned, his six volume translation from the French of Gall's work on the "Structure and Functions of the Brain", his editing both of Payton's and another work on "Practical Anatomy".

It is however as a Free Mason

that he was best known to us, and as such let us now turn our attention to him.

Sir Knight Lewis was made a Master Mason in Columbian Lodge Boston on the third of February 1830, and for many years has been one of the best known Free Masons in our Country. His Masonic record is to be published in full by the Grand Lodge of Mass, of which he was Past Grand Master, and it is therefore unnecessary to give its details here;

Suffice it to say that there is scarcely a single position of honor and Eminence in Free Masonry, and in every part of it, both in York and Scottish rite, from the Blue Lodge to the Supreme Council of the 33^d degree, that he did not faithfully and honorably fill. and at the time of his decease he was an active or honorary member of every branch of the Masonic body, and covered all over with the honors and glory that the fraternity every where had gladly heaped upon him.

Sir Knight Lewis was dubbed a Knight of the Red Cross in Boston Encampment on the 2^d of March 1832, created a Knight Templar on the 16th, and on the 16th of the following May he became one of its members.

He presided over this body, and was its W. E. Commander from Oct 1844 to Oct 1846. he served it as Generalissimo for six years, from 1853 to 1859, in 1856 he was elected one of its honorary members, and in 1869 he was made an honorary member of St Johns Commandery in Philadelphia.

He was Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and Appendant orders of Mass & R. in 1868 and 69, and in 1858 and 59 he was

its M. E. Grand Master, and during the latter year he was also Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the United States.

Yet great as was the honor these positions gave, he held in his nature, a far, far greater.

As a mason he had no superior in Mass. as a Sir Knight he stood alone in Boston Commandery. Others may have served Free Masonry, and this body as long and as faithfully, may be as lovingly loyal to her interests, as warm in heart, and as white in soul; but there is not a man left among us who has the manly, and the richly gifted nature of him who has been taken away. A man of warm heart, genial presence, sweet, kind disposition, benevolent spirit. A gentleman by birth, courteous in manner, refined in taste, moving in polite and urbane society, and equally at home, and at ease in the palace of a King or the cottage of a peasant.

A scholar too, of rich ripe culture, familiar with both the classics, and the ever changing phases and intricacies of modern science.

Add to all these things a magnetic presence, an abundance of vital power, a social nature, a warm loving living interest in men and things, inspiring his whole nature and every part of it, and you behold before you our M. E. P. Commander Sir Knight Winslow Lewis.

Thus only we seem to see him here now, as we have seen him many times, as we saw him last May. We see him gracefully carrying his sword, with sprightly nervous step he enters our assembly, we see his keen, brilliant eye, his sunny smiling face, his hearty hand shaking,

and warm greeting of brother Sir Knights.

He takes his seat in the East, his conversation is filled with humor, brilliant with wit, and spiced with story. He rises to speak, and Boston Commandery does him reverence by becoming hushed into silence. he says a few plain words, straight forward, on some subject before us, and then sits down again. And as in memory we see all this tonight, it is indeed sad to think that in reality, we shall never see it again.

He last met with us on the 16th of June, and was present at the reception of the Richmond Sir Knights in Faneuil Hall.

He left Boston on the 7th of July on a visit to his son in law Dr Geo St Gay at Grantville. On the 15th he had an attack of sickness, and on the third of August at twenty five minutes past eleven o'clock in the evening, being in bed, he turned on his right side and said, "I am going to sleep," and at once fell into that peaceful slumber which knows no earthly waking.

Peace, Love and blessing be with his memory.
In the poet's altered words

"He has joined that choir invisible
Of the immortal dead, who live again
In minds made better by their presence
He reached that purest heaven, which is being
The sweet presence of, and good diffused among men
And in diffusion ever growing more intense
So has he joined that Choir invisible
Where music is the gladness of the world."

And as Knights Templar, we believe that he has also joined that choir visible to spirit eyes, who not with lips alone, but who with thought, word and deed, worship in the nearer presence of God, forever and forever.

Your Committee beg to offer the following "in Memoriam" resolutions.

Whereas it has pleased God in his providence to take from us our dearly beloved and highly honored W. E. Past Commander, Sir Knight Winslow Lewis, therefore be it

Resolved That we greatly treasure up in our hearts our affection for him, and do hereby put upon record for future generations, our testimony of the great love we had towards him, and the very high esteem and honor in which he was held.

Resolved That in his decease we mourn as men the loss of a pure, good man, a worthy citizen, a public benefactor, a ripe scholar, a distinguished physician, and one whose life was a continual help and blessing to men in nearly every way that a man can be of service to his neighbour.

Resolved That as Masons we mourn the loss of one, who uniting with the craft in evil days, and when nearly all men spoke ill of it, by his zeal, fidelity, and devotion to the craft, by his constant practice of all the masonic

virtues, did as much as any one in his day and generation to gain for Free Masonry that high position it now holds, and that unfigned respect and honor it now commands and receives

Resolved That as Knights Templar and as Sir Knights of Boston Commandery we mourn the loss of one who was filled with all knightly honor, grace and courtesy, and whose great services to the Commandery entitle him to its fervent and undying gratitude.

Resolved That we hereby tender our warm sympathy to his bereaved family, and the assurance we feel that he is now reaping the reward of a well spent life.

Respectfully Submitted by your Committee.

Signed John H. Pland }
Henry Endicott }
E. H. Thomas Jr. }

Sir William H. Guild presented the following memorial on the death of Sir Richard Manning Barker, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a memorial on the death of Richard Manning Barker, respectfully submit the following tribute.

He was born in Boston, Mass, Oct 9th 1823, and after a pilgrimage of nearly Fifty two years, died in the city of his birth August 14th 1875.

Early interested in military affairs, he became from the first an active, efficient & prominent member of the Boston City Guard and of the ancient & Honorable Artillery Company. Gifted with rare executive abilities, he held, during his long term of service, various responsible positions in both Corps.

He received the Symbolic degrees in masonry in St John's Lodge, Boston in February 7th 1848. was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in St Paul's Chapter April 17th 1849. Received the orders of the Temple in Boston Commandery, Nov 29th 1854, and was admitted to membership December 20th 1854. He received the degrees of the ancient & accepted Scottish Rite, to the 32nd grade November 21st 1862. and the honorary grade of M.: Inspector General 33rd December 18th 1866.

He was a charter member of La Fayette Grand Lodge of Perfection, and its first T. P. G. M. A charter member also of Gate of the Temple Lodge, Rabboni Lodge, and St Mathews R. A. Chapter of South Boston, and in each "regularly passed the chair."

In this brief sketch of the Masonic Career of Sir Knight Barker, your Committee but indicate his term of service and rise from grade to grade, but his

zeal and energy in every Masonic duty cannot be forgotten.

To this body he was devotedly attached, and it was ever his pride to give the benefit of his military training on days of public parade. A devoted friend and brother, genial in disposition, kind and charitable in heart, his memory will be ever treasured in the loving hearts who knew him.

Signed. Wm N Guild
for
Committee.

A communication was received from Sir John N Chapman, presenting to Boston Commandery "the accompanying Nine Bottles engraved with Monogram and Seal of Boston Commandery."

On motion of the Generalissimo it was unanimously voted to accept the gift, and return the thanks of Boston Commandery to the liberal donor.

A Communication was received from the R. E. Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, upon the subject of a reunion of Knights Templar in commemoration of the hundredth Anniversary of American Independence, to be held in the city of Philadelphia May 30, 31 and June 1st 1876.

Boston Commandery and the Knights Templars of Massachusetts are cordially invited to participate in the festivities. The communication was referred to the Council.

Election.

The Commandery proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Eminent Commander appointed the following named Knights or Emittes to distribute, collect, sort and count the votes cast.

1st Committee Sirs Henry G. Fair
Samuel N. Clifford
John S. Samrell.

2nd Committee Sirs Jerry H. Pope
Charles E. Fox
Enoch Paige.

The Committees severally reported the following as the result of the balloting.

For E. C. whole no. of votes 152. need^d to a choice 77.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr. had 150, and was declared Elected.

For Genl. whole no. of votes 152. need^d to a choice 77.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr. had 149 and was declared Elected.

For Cap^t G. whole no. of votes 148. need^d to a choice 75.

Sir J. A. H. Upham had 143 and was declared Elected.

For Prelate whole no. of votes 148 need^d to a choice 75.

Rev Sir John P. Bland had 145 and was declared Elected.

For S. Warden whole no. of votes 134 need^d to a choice 68.

Sir J. Francis Fells had 130 and was declared Elected.

For J. Warden whole no. of votes 146 need^d to a choice 74.

Sir John L. Stevenson had 138 and was declared Elected.

For Treasurer. whole no. of votes 151 need^d to a choice 76.

Sir Edward A. White had 143 and was declared Elected.

For Recorder whole no. of votes 157 need^d to a choice 79.

Sir William Ellison had 147 and was declared Elected.

For Trustee for three years. whole no. of votes 145 need^d to a choice 73.

Sir Dan M. Lawrence had 145 and was declared Elected.

Installation.

The Eminent Commander invited Grand Generalissimo

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall

to occupy the

East and perform the ceremony of installation.

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall upon assuming the chair, appointed E. P. L. Sir William Hayward to act as grand Marshall. The Grand Marshall was thereupon ordered to present the Eminent Commander Elect for Obligation & installation.

Sir Samuel Mason Jr. was then obligated as E. C. of
Bristol Commandery for the ensuing fixed year.

Upon his induction into the Chair of his office he proceeded to make the following appointments.

For Sword Bearer

Sir Edward J. Long

" Standard Bearer

" Caleb Bowker

" Warden

" Edwin Wright

" Armorer

" Alexander K. Bryer

" Sentinel

" Benjamin F. Murre

" 3rd Guard

" Edward P. Nichols.

For 2 nd Guard	Sir Joseph Williams
" 1 st "	" Francis Doane
" 1 st Asst "	" William J. Stevens
" 2 nd "	" Eugene H. Richards
" Musical Director	" John Brewer Rhodes.

At the request of the Eminent Commander Sir W. Marshall resumed the chair and proceeded to install the remaining Elective and appointed officers, with the exception of the Sword Bearer, Warder and Musical director who were necessarily absent.

The Grand Marshal presented the following Elective & appointed officers, and they were obligated and installed as follows.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo
" James H. Upham	Captain General
" Sir John P. Bland	Prelate
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder.
" Edward J. Long	Sword Bearer
" Caleb Fowler	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alexander H. Fryer	Armorer
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinel
" Edward I. Nichols	3 rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2 nd "
" Francis Doane	1 st "

Sir William J. Stevens	1 st Asst Guard
" Eugene H. Richards	2 nd " "
" John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director

The Grand Marshal by order of the installing officer made the usual proclamation and the ceremony of installation was declared closed.

E. C. Sir Samuel Mason Jr upon resuming the chair of his office, in response to an eloquent and appropriate address from E. W. Mygeman Marshall, returned hearty thanks for himself, associate officers, and Knights of Past Commanders for the very able and efficient manner in which the Grand Generalissimo had conducted the ceremony of installation.

The Commandery resumed its ordinary business, and Sir Benjamin A. Hersey from the committee on that subject reported a collection of fifty five dollars in aid of a fund to be presented to the family of Rev^d Sir George L. Noyes late E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Mass & R. Island.

The money was ordered to be placed into the hands of the Recorder, who subsequently paid it over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

Upon motion of Sir Edwin A. Madligh a committee consisting of three Knights was appointed to prepare for presentation to E. F. C. Sir Saml. C. Lawrence a Past Commanders Jewel, suitably inscribed.

The Eminent Commander appointed the following Knights
to constitute that Committee.

Sirs Hyzemaere Harshate
Edwin A. Haddesick
Edward A. White.

The following Companions were proposed for the orders of
Knighthood, and their applications were referred to the
following Committees.

Companion John S. Jacobs. Proposed by Sir Henry H. Pope.

Committee Sirs J. H. Thomas, J. M. Gleason, L. B. Nichols.

Companion Benjamin Franklin Myeth. Proposed by Sir Nathl. D. Sawin.

Committee Sirs Danl W. Chamberlain, Chas. E. Powers, Geo. L. Cade.

Companion Syman Reed. Mace. Proposed by Sir James M. Gleason.

Committee Sirs Henry H. Pope, Danl W. Lawrence, Wm. Ellison.

Companion Theodore C. Graves. Proposed by Sir Wm. J. Stevens.

Committee Sirs J. H. Upham, Dexter Humphreys, Thomas Beals.

Companion George Wadley Buntow. Proposed by Sir Wm. L. Lathrop.

Committee Sirs Henry Endicott, J. D. Nutting, A. R. Bayley.

Companion William Augustus Buntow. Proposed by Sir Wm. L. Lathrop.

Committee Sirs Henry Endicott, J. D. Nutting, A. R. Bayley.

Companion Corydon Oliver Chamberlain. Proposed by Sir Wm. L. Lathrop.

Committee Sirs Nathl. D. Sawin, J. Williams, B. F. Nourse.

The list of Delinquents was read by the Recorder as required
by Article IV sec 7 of the By Laws.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For the Orders	350	00
" Quaterages	498	75
" Diplomas.	2	00
Total	\$850.	75

At 9.45 the Asylum was closed.
Number of Knights present 210.

Attest William Ellison
Recorder.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening November 17th 1875

Opened a Council of Knights of the
in due form at Six and a half o'clock.



E. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Sr. W. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Chancellor
" James H. Upham	Master of the Palace
" Rev John F. Bland	Prelate
" Francis Lotts	Master of Cavalry
" John L. Stevenson	" " Infantry
" Edward A. White	" " Finance
" William Ellison	" " Despatches
" Edward Long (Sir E. Nichol. B.T.)	Standard Bearer
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alexander W. Pryer	Armorer
" Benjamin F. Morse	Sentinel
" Edward T. Nichols	3rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2nd "
" Francis Doane	1st "
" William J. Stevens	1st Asst "
" Eugene H. Richards	2nd "
" John Brewer Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last ~~Constitution~~ were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Installation of Warden.

The Sor. Master invited E. P. L. Sir Wyseman Marshall to occupy the Chair and install into his office Sir Edwin Wright who had been re-appointed Warden of Boston Commandery.

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall performed the ceremonial and directed the Marshal to conduct the Warden to his Station.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

John S. Jacobs
Benjamin Franklin Wyeth
Lyman Reed Mace
Theodore L. Graves
George Watley Buntan
William Augustus Buntan

for the orders of Knighthood severally reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and they were declared Elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion

Samuel B. Chamberlain
for the orders

of Knighthood requested further time, which was granted.

Companions

Simon Migliori
Louis Walter Young
Andrew Jackson Jones
John S. Jacobs
Benjamin Franklin Wyeth
Lyman Reed Mace
Theodore L. Graves
William Augustus Buntan
George Watley Buntan.

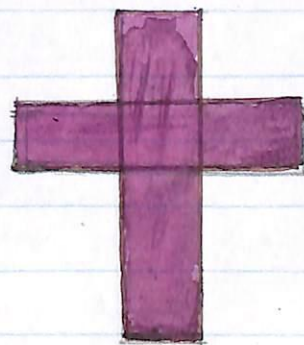
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Presentation of Jewel.

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall chairman of a special committee appointed to procure for presentation to E. P. L. Sir Samuel B. Lawrence, a past Commanders Jewel, made a verbal report, presenting the Jewel

to the Gov Master. The report was unanimously accepted, and at the request of the Gov Master, E. Sir Mydeman Marshall made the presentation on behalf of Boston Commandery to E. P. C. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence in an eloquent and impressive manner.

The response of E. P. C. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence was full of knightly feeling, expressive of his gratitude for the honors so plentifully conferred upon him by Boston Commandery.

Visiting Knights.

E. P. C. Sir George Moulton of Joseph Warren Commandery
E. C. Sir John T. Newton " " " "
Sir Robert Jenkins of St John's Commandery Providence R.I.
The Eminent Commander and Generalissimo of Hugh
De Poyens Commandery of Melrose Mass.
Sir Geo W. Kingman Gent^l of St Omer Commandery.

The Gov Master announced the death of Sir J. Frank Palmer and appointed the following named Knights a Committee to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased.

Sir James H. Upham
Sir Tho^l Beal Dexter Humphreys
instead of William Hayward.



Rev Sir John P. Rand, E. Prelate, re-proposed for Membership in Boston Commandery, Sir August P. Lighthill.

The Gov Master appointed the following named Knights, a special Committee upon the application.

Sirs
W. H. Thomas Jr
Joseph Williams
Francis Deane.

Sir Henry Hobart proposed for Membership in Boston Commandery Sir Samuel N. Dyer Jr of Abington.

The Gov Master appointed

Sirs John L. Stevenson
Henry T. Whittier
Fre D. Deereport

a special Committee upon the application.

Receipts Since last Conclave.

For Quaterages	105	00
" Membership	50	00
" Diplomas	1	00 156.00
Total	\$ 156.00	

At 9.40. the Council was closed

Attest

William Ellison
Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening December 15th 1875

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in
due form at Six and a half o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel Mason Jr Eminent Commander
Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J H Thomas Jr	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Captain General.
" Rev John F Bland	Prelate.
" Francis Lott	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden
" Edward A White	Treasurer.
" William Ellisow	Recorder.
" Eugene H Richards	Sword Bearer, P.S.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Benjamin F Nurse	Sentinel.
" Alexander K Byer	Armorer.
" Edward T Nichols	1 st Guard
" Joseph Williams	2 nd "
" Francis Doane	1 st "
" William J Stevens	1 st Asst "
" Eugene H Richards	2 nd " "
" John S. Rhodes	Musical Director

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Report of Committee on the application of Comp. Corydon O Chamberlain for the Orders of Knighthood was made, but upon a ballot being taken he was Rejected.

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of
Sirs
August P. Lighthill
Samuel H. Dyer Jr
severally
reported, and upon a ballot being ordered they were
admitted to
Membership in Boston Commandery.

A Committee consisting of the Council to whom was referred a Communication from the R. E. Grand Commandery of Penn^a upon the subject of a re-union of Knights Templars in commemoration of the Centenary Anniversary of American Independence to be held in the city of Philadelphia May 30, 31st and June 1st 1876. Reported through the Eminent Commander that it was inexpedient to accept the invitation and recommended that the Recorder be directed to return the thanks of this Commandery to the R. E. Grand Commandery of Penn^a for this kind invitation, which is very respectfully declined. Upon motion the Report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Visiting Knights.

E. Commander Smith B. Harrington of Hugh De Poyens
Commandery Albion.
Past Commander Dickrell of South Shore Commandery.
Eminent " Fay " " " "
Generalissimo Humphrey " " " "

Sirs

Simon Alghieri
Louis Walter Young
Andrew Jackson Jones
John S. Jacobs
Leaman Read Mace
Theodore Graves.

were Created and Dubbed
Knights of the

Valiant and Magnanimous Order
of the
Temple — Knights Templars.

Sir James H. Upham, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the death of Sir J. Frank Palmer presented the following Report, which was adopted and ordered to be entered upon the Journal.

In Boston Commandery December 10th 1875.

The Committee appointed at the last
conclave of this Commandery on the death of Sir Knight
Frank Palmer, would
Report.

Sir Palmer was born in
Albany New Hampshire October 7th 1843. where he lived
untill near his majority, when he removed to Buxton
Maine, where he was raised a Master Mason in Moderation
Lodge No 115 August 13th 1866, and Exalted a Royal Arch
Mason in Eagle R A Chapter November 13th 1866. He
soon after came to Boston and was knighted in this
Commandery September 17. 1873, and admitted to
membership Nov 19 following. He died October 28th 1875
of consumption; unmarried.

His body was taken to Maine for
interment, and no funeral services being held here this
Commandery had no opportunity of paying that respect to
his memory as much to be desired, of attending the last sad
rite of burial. His occupation was mostly that of
clerk, and trader; on account of his short residence among
us, he was comparatively a stranger to many even of this
body; by those who had formed his acquaintance he was
highly Esteemed. He came among us two years ago in
apparent good health. Shortly after, consumption marked
him as a victim, and he very rapidly wasted away. He
has gone. May the oft repeated lessons of the uncertainty
of our lives, cause us each to remember and obey the
Solemn warning, "Be ye also ready."

Resolved, That Boston Commandery sympathizing
with the relatives of the deceased in this
their and our loss, Commend them to that
All-wise God in whom we trust, and who doeth
all things well.

Respectfully Submitted
(signed) James H. Upham
Thomas Beals
Dexter Humphreys. } Committee.

The Eminent Commander, in an appropriate manner
announced the death of the ^{Sword Bearer} Standard Bearer, Sir
Edward Jennings Long, and appointed the following
Knights a Committee to prepare and present a memorial
of the deceased.

Sirs
William H. Thomas
Samuel W. Clifford
Edward A. White.

The following Companions were proposed for the orders of Knightcraft
and their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Companion Harvel Coolidge Stratton, Proposed by E. J. Henry Endicott.

Committee Sirs Joseph Williams, Edw. Nichols, Francis Doane

Companion Samuel Frankford Trull
Proposed by Sir Henry N. Sawyer.

Committee Sirs Wm C. Ulman Wm G. M. Koon Chas J. Hayden.

Receipts since last Annals.

For Quartersages
" the Orders.

90	00	
100	00	190.00

Total \$190.00

At 10 o'clock PM the Asylum was closed.

Attest William Ulson
Recorder.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening January 19th 1876

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in due form at six and a half o'clock.

E. Lr. Samuel Mason Jr. Eminent Commander Presiding

Officers' Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Captain General.
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White	Treasurer.
" William Ellison	Recorder
" Edwin Wright	Sword Bearer P.D.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentinel
" Alexander R. Bryer	Armorer
" Edward T. Nichols	3rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2nd "
" Francis Doane	1st "
" William J. Stevens	1st Asst "
" Eugene H. Richards	2nd " "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Lamela were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Harriet Knottidge Stratton
Samuel Frankford Trull

for the orders of Knighthood severally reported, where upon a ballot was ordered, and they were declared Elected.

Sir William H. Thomas from the Committee to whom was referred the death of Sir Edward J. Long, Sword Bearer of Boston Commandery submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted, ordered to be spread upon the Journal and a copy thereof sent to the family of the deceased.

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial and resolutions on the death of the late Sir Edward J. Long have attended to their duty and would report.

Sir Long received the Masonic degrees and became a member of St Johns Lodge of Boston in 1866. obtained membership in St Andrews Royal Arch Chapter in 1867. and was admitted to membership in Boston Commandery in 1869, and at the time of his death held the honorable position of Sword Bearer.

He was a zealous and faithful mason an honored companion and a most courteous and able Sir Knight. In all

the various organizations with which he was connected, he held office, and was faithful in the discharge of his duties, and punctual in his attendance.

Your Committee would recommend the passage of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That Boston Commandery sincerely regrets the death of so able and amiable a member as Sir Knight Edward J. Long, for many years an officer of this organization; for his faithfulness and zeal in all that appertains to Knighthood and worthy of imitation and Commendation.

Resolved. That copies of this preamble and resolutions be spread upon the records and sent to the family of the deceased.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) William H. Thomas.

The Eminent Commander announced the death of Sir Edward Mingay, and appointed the following named Knights a Special Committee to present a memorial of the deceased.

Sirs Wyseman Marshall
George Baird
Isaac Riley.

A Communication from the Grand Commandery of
Mass & Rhode Island was read and ordered on file.

An application was made by E. Sir William Sayward
for the relief of the widow of Sir Stephen L. Sawyer.
Referred to the Council.

On motion of Sir Edward A White, seconded by E. Sir
William Sayward it was voted that the Council of Boston
Commandery be constituted a Standing Committee on
Charity, with power to expend a sum not exceeding
Twenty Five Dollars, unless by Special vote of the Com^y.
said Expenditure applying to each application.

The Recorder was ordered to return the thanks of Boston
Commandery to St John's Commandery No 1 of Providence
R.I. for the gift of a beautiful Copy of an "Historical
Sketch of St John's Commandery."
The order was promptly Executed.

a Bill of Robert M Brinhurst of Phil^a. for funeral
expenses, amounting to One hundred and fifty nine dollars
for the burial of Sir John A Selwyn in February 1873, was
^{and referred} presented to a special Committee consisting of
Sirs Samuel W. Lawrence
John L. Stevenson
Henry G. Fay.

Visiting Knights.

E. Sir George Wymau Fay, E. C. of South Shore Commandery
" Andrew Jackson Garey, S. W. " " "
" Thos H Humphrey, J. W. " " "
" William Fearing, Warden " " "
E. " William H. Maine, E. C. of Old Colony Commandery.
" Josiah L. Fuller Gen^l " " "
" Ch^s Raymond " " "
" Geo H Newton Warden of Washington Com^y. Hartford Conn.
" Ch^s E Clark of Oliver Com^y. #110 Millville. N. Jersey.

The membership of Sirs Aurelius L. Weymouth
and William B. Bothamby, were by unanimous vote
declared forfeited for non-payment of quarterages.

Further action upon the indebtedness of
Sirs Lyman D. Meston, Ch^s E. Swinerton, Thos Le Francis Jr
and Gideon T. Mansfield, was by vote postponed until
the third Wednesday in April next.

Sirs
William Augustus Buntore
George Hattie Buntore

were Created and Dubbed
Knights

of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order
of the
Temple.

Knights Templars.

The Order of Malta was then conferred upon the following Knights.

Sirs

Louis Walter Young

Andrew Jackson Jones

John S. Jacobs

Sydney Read Hase

Theodore L. Graves

William A. Burton

George H. Burton.

who subsequently made written application for Memberships in Boston Commandery. By order of the Eminent Commander their applications were referred to the same Committee who had their applications for the Orders in charge.

Sir Sewell R. Mann was proposed for Memberships in Boston Commandery by the Recorder.

The application was referred to the following Committee.

Sirs

A. F. Brewer

J. Warren Gardner

B. A. House.

The following Companions were proposed for the orders of Knighthood and their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Companion Charlie Arthur Jones Proposed by Sir Chas H. Russ.

Committee Sirs Geo H. Conn. Horace Colnamore Joseph Kelley.
Companion S. Dexter Bowker Proposed by Sir John H. North

Committee Sirs Albert T. Whiting, Phineas Pierce, Henry G. Fay.

Companion George Henry Jackson Proposed Sir August P. Lightwell

Committee Sirs Benjamin Champney, Albert Hubbard, Peter Lane

Companion Nathan Frank Marble Proposed by Sir Jas F. Drinell

Committee Sirs Edwin A. Madleigh, Chas H. Dunham, Geo. F. Brown

Companion Robert W. Sargent Briggs Proposed by Sir Jas F. Drinell

Committee Sirs Edwin A. Madleigh, Chas H. Dunham, Geo. F. Brown.

Companion Chas D. Woodberry Proposed by Sir Edward A. White.

Committee Sirs Wm C. Ulman, Henry N. Sawyer, Chas A. Burrill

Receipts since last balance.

For Quaterages	162. 50
" Memberships	125 00
" the Orders	100. 00
<u>By Loans</u>	75 488.25
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$488.25</u>

At 10 PM. The Asylum Closed.

Attest

William Edison
Recorder.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening February 16th 1876.

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at Six and a half o'clock.

C. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Sec. Master, Presiding

Officers Present.

Sir W. Thomas Jr	Chancellor.
" James H. Upham	Master of the Palace.
" Rev John P. Pland	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Master of Cavalry.
" John L. Stevenson	" " Infantry.
" Edward A. White	" " Finance.
" William Ellison	" " Dispatches.
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer, P.T.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Alexander H. Byer	Armorer.
" Benjamin F. Vorse	Sentinel.
" Edward T. Nichols	3 rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2 nd " "
" Francis Doane	1 st " "
" William J. Stevens	1 st Asst " "
" Eugene H. Richards	2 nd " "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Charlie A. Jones

J. Dexter Bowker

George H. Jackson

Charles D. Wadberry

Nathan F. Marble

Badwell A. Briggs

for the orders of ~~Knighthood~~ severally reported, where-
upon a ballot was ordered, and they were declared Elected.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of
Sirs

John C. Jacobs

Lyman R. Rice

William A. Buntan

George W. Buntan

Lewell B. Adams

Andrew J. Jones

Theodore B. Graves.

for Membership in Boston Commandery severally
reported, and upon a ballot being taken upon each
applicant they were declared
Elected.

Upon the application of Sir Louis Walter Young for
Membership in Boston Commandery, the ballot was not
clear, and his application was declared rejected.

E. Sir Wyreman Marshall, Chairman
of the Committee to whom was referred the death of
Sir Edward Mingay, submitted the following report
which, on motion of Sir James H. Upham was accepted,
ordered to be spread upon the Journal and a copy thereof
sent to the family of the deceased.

In Memoriam.

Sir Edward Mingay.

The hand of death has again entered our lines and
taken thence another of our valued members.

Sir Edward Mingay on the fifth
of January 1876, after a brief illness, passed from the bosom
of his family to "the undiscovered country from where bourn
no traveller returns." He was born in Norfolk, England
on the 20th of June 1820. In his profession as a designer
and pattern maker, he was skillful and artistic. Determined
to try his fortune in America, he came to Boston & established
himself in business, which he successfully carried on for
the last twenty years—possessing the confidence and
esteem of all who knew him.

Brother Mingay was a member
of several societies, in all of which he was much beloved
and highly respected. He was made a
master mason in Gate of the Temple Lodge (South Boston)

May 1st 1864, and was admitted to membership Sept 27th of that year. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, in St. Matthew's Chapter April 10th 1865. took membership May 1st the same year.

He was dubbed a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery, May 31st 1865, and made a member thereof the 20th of the following September.

In the death of Sir Edward Mingay, we mourn the loss of one of our esteemed and genial Sir Knights. many tender recollections of his knightly courtesy and liberal spirit will live long in the hearts of his many friends.

We deeply sympathize with the family of the deceased in their loss of a kind and affectionate husband, indulgent father, and an honest man. It is sad indeed to remember we can only gain entrance to heaven through the gate of tears.

We cherish with great satisfaction, the remembrance of his honesty, fidelity, and truth and derive consolation and consolation in the belief that he will

"Sleep the sleep that knows not breathing,
Morn of toil, or night of waking."

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) Wyreman Marshall.

The Sov Master announced the death of Sir John E. M. Giller and appointed the following Knights a special committee to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased.

Sir. W. Edward Powers

James C. Upham

William Allison

The special Committee to whom was referred the bill of Robert M. Bringham of Phil^a, made a partial report and requested further time.

which was granted.

Companions

David L. Stratton

Samuel F. Felt

Charles A. Jones

E. Dexter Bowler

George H. Jackson

Charles L. Woodberry

Nathan F. Martle

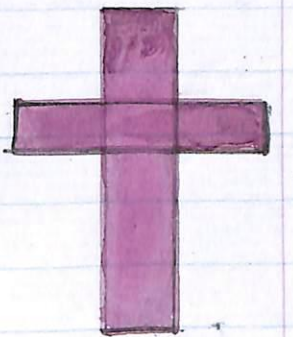
Bedwell G. Briggs.

Were Created and Dubbed
Knights,

of the

Illustrious Order

of the



Visiting Knights.

E. Commander Sir John F. Newton of Joseph Warren Commandery
" F. C. " Geo Moulton " " " "

and other distinguished fraters.

Companion George R. Hooper was re-proposed for the
orders of Knighthood. his application, by order of the Sov-
Master was referred to the following Committee.

Sirs

J. H. Thomas Jr

George J. Eastman

William Ellison.

Receipts Since last Conference.

For Quaterages.

152 50

" the Orders.

150 00

" Memberships

75 00

" Diplomas

4 00 381.50

Total \$ 381.50

At 10 PM the Council was closed.

Attest

William Ellison

Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening March 15th 1876

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at Six and a half o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel Messer Jr. E. C. Presiding.

Officers Present

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Captain General.
" Rev John P. Staud	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevensow	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White	Treasurer.
" William Ellison	Recorder.
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer. P. J.
" Galeb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentinel.
" Alexander K. Bryer	Armorer.
" Edward T. Nichols	3 rd Guard.
" Joseph Williams	2 nd " "
" Francis Doane	1 st " "
" William J. Stevens	1 st Ass ^t " "
" Eugene H. Richards	2 nd " "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion George R. Hasper

for the orders of Knighthood made a report, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and he was declared Elected.

E. Sir Charles Edward Powers, Chairman of a Committee appointed to prepare a memorial on the death of Sir John E. M. Gilley, presented the following report, which was accepted, ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and a copy thereof sent to the family of the deceased.

To Boston Commandery of Knights Templars.

A recent bereavement has again admonished us of the oft repeated line "In the midst of life we are in death."

Unable to penetrate the veil which hides from our finite view this mysterious Providence, it is our duty to submit with resignation to the decrees of the Sovereign Master and disposer of events and say "thy will be done."

On the 4th of February last Sir John Emery Milton Gilley passed from a life of activity and usefulness to the repose and stillness of death: and those of us

who survive him have the melancholy privilege of cherishing the pleasant recollections of fraternal and knightly greetings, of social intercourse with our departed Sir Knight, and to place upon the records of this Commandery a tribute to his memory, and our appreciation of those qualities which distinguish and adorn a true and faithful Soldier of the Cross.

Sir Knight Gilley was born in Marblehead Mass, on the 23^d of December 1826 and died at his residence in Chelsea, on the 4th of February 1876.

In early manhood he removed to Boston and learned the business of his profession, that of a Banker and Broker in the office of the late well known and celebrated P. F. DeGrand.

After establishing himself in Business in Boston he removed to Chelsea, and became interested in Free Masonry. From Blue Lodge and Chapter, he applied for and received the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery in March and April 1856 and on October 15th 1856 was admitted a member. January 20th 1875 he became a Life Member of this body, and his is the first death we have to record upon that roll.

During his residence in Chelsea, he was elected a member of the Common Council of that City, and subsequently for three years was an efficient member of the School Committee.

As a husband and father, he was kind, indulgent, devoted. Firm in his convictions of an immortality beyond the grave, he was called away in the very noon tide of life and

vigor. Age had not dimmed his sight nor impaired his powers. It was the decree of the Almighty ruler of the universe, and in tendering to his bereaved widow and fatherless son our sincere sympathy, we, with them submit to the chastening stroke with humility and sorrow.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed Charles Edward Powers
William Ellison
James H. Upham } Committee.

Boston March 15th 1876.

Sirs

Benjamin F. Hyeth
David C. Stratton
Samuel A. Trull
Charlie A. Jones
Rodwell L. Briggs
George H. Jackson

We Created and Dubbed,

Knights of the

Valiant and Magnanimous Order
Temple.

Knights

Templars.

The following Companions were proposed for the Orders of Knighthood, and their applications were disposed of as follows.

Companion Joshua Frederick Sampson, Proposed by Sir J. H. Upham

Committee Sirs Chas. H. Darling, Eugene A. Holtom, Jas. M. Gleason,

Comp. Albert Alonzo Tolson, Proposed by Sir Wm. J. Stevens

Committee Sirs Wm. Hayward, Chas. E. Powers, Henry G. Fay.

The following Companions were Re-proposed for the Orders of Knighthood.

and their applications were referred to the following Committees for investigation.

Companion Harou R. Willey, Proposed by Sir J. D. Nutting

Committee Sirs J. H. Upham, Wyseman Marshall, Geo. Baird,

Companion John H. Hagler, Proposed by Sir Edw. A. White

Committee Sirs Wm. A. Guild, Wm. H. Thomas, J. D. Nutting.

Sir Louis W. Young was Re-proposed for membership in Boston Commandery, and by order of the Commandery the application was referred to the following Committee.

Sirs Rev John P. Oland

William Hayward, William Ellison.

Companion Launstow Cooke Durkee. Proposed by Sir E. H. Richards
Committee for Henry G. Fay, J. L. Stevenson, B. F. Nurse.

Receipts since last ~~conclave~~.

For Quarterages	245.00
" the Orders	100.00
" Diplomas	2.00
Total	\$397.00

At 10 P. M. The Asylum Closed.

Attest

William Wison

Recorder.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening April 19th 1876

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at Six and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. C. C. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upshaw	Captain General.
" Rev. John P. Pland	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White	Treasurer.
" William Ellison	Recorder.
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Caleb Fowler	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Benjamin H. Nourse	Sentinel
" Alexander K. Bryer	Armorer
" Edward T. Nichols	3rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2nd "
" Francis Doane	1st "
" William J. Stevens	1st Asst "
" Eugene H. Richards	2d " "
" John D. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last ~~Conclave~~ were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Reports of Committees

The Committee to whom was referred the second application of Sir Louis W. Young for membership in Boston Commandery made a report whereupon a ballot was ordered, and he was declared unanimously Elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of Companions
Justice T. Jackson
Albert A. Johnson
Marion B. Willey
John H. Stabler
Laurence B. Durkee

for the orders of ~~Knighthood~~ severally reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and with the exception of Companion Aaron B. Willey they were declared Elected. The E. C. announced that the application of Companion Aaron B. Willey had been rejected.

The Eminent Commander announced the death of Sir Francis Bush, and in pursuance of his

order the Recorder prepared and presented the following Memorial on the decease of Sir Francis Bush, which was ordered in the Journal to be sent to the family of the deceased.
In Boston Commandery of Knights Templars.

Sir Francis Bush, for nearly twenty years a member of Boston Commandery has been called from his earthly labors, to a heavenly refreshment in the Grand Commandery above. Our recently deceased Sir Knight was born in Westfield, Mass, in August 1800, and died in Boston on the 15th of March 1876, at the ripe age of seventy five years and five months.

Masonic light first dawned upon his vision in Meridian Lodge of Needham Mass, on the 22nd of November 1822. He was exalted to the R. A. degree in Mt Horeb R. A. Chapter of Lowell in Feb'y 12th 1855, and was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Pilgrim Commandery of Lowell on June 21st 1855.

Upon his permanent residence in Boston he applied for and was Elected to Membership in Boston Commandery on Nov 18th 1857. He was also a member of Boston Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Such in brief, is the Masonic history of our departed frater. few among the living in our fraternity can trace their Masonic pedigree to so remote a period of time; and the few who still survive him, must soon in the natural course of events, be admitted one by one to a full membership in that Celestial Lodge, where the gavel of the master is the welcome sound for entering into the joy of the Lord. The

retiring disposition of Sir Knight Bush kept him from official activity in the different departments of Free Masonry to which he was attached. Like silver streams flowing noiselessly into the river of life, his Masonic course "knew no retiring step" but kept due on, bearing precious burdens of fraternity and good will to his fellow men.

In the early part of his membership in this body, he was a constant attendant; but in his later years, the ever exacting business demands upon his time, family afflictions, and failing health, deprived him of the pleasures of a more constant intercourse.

Leaving his native town when only 14 years of age, with all his worldly possessions in a small package, he walked to Boston in search of employment. His success in business was the inevitable result of industry, economy and honesty.

As a husband and father, he was kind, affectionate, devoted; and Boston Commandery mourns the loss of one whose Masonic and business life seemed to be in full accord with the lines of the poet.

"Build your mansions pure my brethren,
From foundation stone to rafter,
Build them for the vast hereafter;
Making strength and beauty blend,
Like a hint of grace supernal,
Like a dream of domes eternal:
Where the shafts of sunrise quiver
O'er the homes beyond the river."

Apr 19, 1876.

Respectfully Submitted.

Delinquent List.

Sir Symon B. Meston having been duly notified that the subject of his indebtedness to Boston Commandery would come up for final action on this evening, and no response being made thereto, his membership was by a unanimous vote declared forfeited.

Further action upon the balance of the indebtedness of Sir Charles E. Swinerton was laid over until the October Conclave, he having made a partial payment of the same.

Visiting Fraters.

E. Sir William Gayward, Chairman of a Committee, introduced the following Knights, who were cordially welcomed by the Eminent Commander and conducted to seats appropriate to their rank and station.

E. P. Commander Sir Andrew M. Babb
and Sir L. C. Purrell of
St. Johns Commandery of Bangor, Maine.

E. P. Commander Bowdoin L. Parker
and Sir A. W. Ward of
Connecticut Valley Commandery of Greenfield.

E. P. C. Sir C. H. White and Grand Recorder Sir
Alfred M. Chapman of St. Omer Commandery, South Boston.

Sirs

Charles D. Woodberry
S. Dexter Bowker
Nathan F. Martle.

were created and Dubbed Knights
of the
Patient and Magnanimous Order
of the
Temple.
Knights Templars.

The Order of Malta was then conferred upon the
following Knights.

Sirs

Simon A. Ghieri
Benjamin F. Wether
Harvet C. Stratton
Samuel A. Truth
Charlie A. Jones.

George H. Jackson
Bedwell S. Briggs
Charles D. Woodberry
S. Dexter Bowker
Nathan F. Martle.

These two lines that look so solemn
were merely placed here to fill up the column.

The following named Knights made written
application for membership in Boston Commandery,
and by order of the Eminent Commander their propositions
were referred to the same Committee who had their
applications for the orders in Charge.

Sirs

Harvet C. Stratton
Samuel A. Truth
Charlie A. Jones
George H. Jackson
Charles D. Woodberry
S. Dexter Bowker.

The Recorder re-proposed for Membership in Boston
Commandery Sir George W. Carter, he having removed
the disability by which his membership was declared
forfeited on January 20th 1875.

The application was
referred to the following Special Committee

Sirs James H. Appham
John L. Stevenson
Frederick Truth.

The following Companions were proposed for the
orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery and their
Applications were referred to the following Committee

Companion Chas. A. Mendum Proposed by Sir Wm. J. Stevens
Committee Sirs E. H. Richards, Jo Williams, Francis Doane.

Companion Thos H Wakefield, Proposed by Sir W. Shattuck.

Committee Sirs Saml D Hicks. W H Patten, Ch E Joyce

Companion Geo. A Gillette, Proposed by Sir Wm J. Stevens

Committee Sirs Sylvester Trull, Ch D White. Wm Ellison

Companion Frederick Alford, Proposed by Sir Wm J Stevens

Committee Sirs Frank Lott, E. K. Richards. Geo S. Jones.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For the Orders	250	00	
" Membership	200	00	
" Quartermages	230	00	
" Diplomas	8	00	688.00
<u>Total</u>			<u>\$ 688.00</u>

At 10 P. M. The Asylum was closed.

Attest
William Ellison
Recorder.



Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening May 17th 1876

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at six and a half o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel Masser Jr Sec. Master, Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Chancellor.
" James H. Upham	Master of the Palace.
" Rev John P. Pland	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Master of Cavalry.
" John L. Stevenson	" " Infantry.
" Edward A. White	" " Finance.
" William Ellison	" " Dispatches.
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer, P. T.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Alexander K. Pryor	Armorer.
" Benjamin F. Murrel	Sentinel.
" Edward T. Nichols	3rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2nd "
" Francis Doane	1st "
" William J. Stevens	1st Ass't "
" Eugene K. Richards	2nd " "
" John D. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Convention were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of
Companions

Charles A. Mendum

Thomas H. Wakefield

George A. Gillette

Frederick H. Ford

for the orders of Knighthood severally reported whereupon
a ballot was ordered and they were declared Elected.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of
Sirs

Charles D. Woodberry

Samuel Torrey

David L. Stratton

George H. Jackson

J. Dexter Bowker

Charles A. Jones

George W. Carter

for Memberships in Boston Commandery severally
reported, and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant
they were declared Elected.

The fee of Twenty five dollars paid by George W. Carter for
his re-election to Membership, was, upon motion of the Recorder
Remitted.

Official Visitation

of
E. Sir John Dean. E. Grand Generalissimo
of the
Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island
and Suite.

It having been announced that the E. Grand Generalissimo
and Suite were present in the Ante room for the purpose of
paying an official visit to Boston Commandery, the Sir Master
appointed the following named Knights a Committee to
retire to the Ante room, and Courteously invite, and escort the
E. Grand Generalissimo and Suite within our lines.

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall

E. Sir William Sayward

E. Sir William Ellison

Sir Edward A. Madleigh

Sir Geo. Stevens Jones.

The Eminent Commander appointed a Guard of Honor to
attend the Committee who retired the ante room and escorted
under an arch of steel the E. Grand Generalissimo and Suite to
the presence of the Sir Master. E. Sir Wyseman Marshall
chairman of the Committee presented the E. Grand Generalissimo
to the Sir Master, who was received with a knightly welcome.

The Eminent Grand Generalissimo, introduced to the Sir
the following Eminent Knights who composed his Suite.

E. Sir Francis E. St. John

E. Sir A. S. Chapman. E. Sir Charles H. White

E. Sir William Berkman. E. Sir John H. Pike.

Visiting Fraters.

Eminent Sir James M. Greenwood
" " George Abbott
" " John F. Newton.

The Sir Master invited the E. Grand Generalissimo to assume the chair. Upon returning his thanks in a few appropriate remarks the E. Grand Generalissimo invited the Sir Master to resume the chair and proceed with his work, whereupon

Companions

George B. Hooper
Joshua F. Thompson
Leicester B. Durkee
Charles A. Brenden
Thomas H. Wakefield
George A. Little
Frederick Alford

Were Created

and Dubbed

Knights

of the
Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

The E. Grand Generalissimo in a few eloquent remarks complimented Boston Commandery upon the excellence of its work, the efficiency of its officers, the full attendance of Knights, and expressed his gratification, for himself and suite for the courteous and knightly hospitality they had received.

Among the distinguished Knights who honored the occasion with their presence was our much esteemed and venerable Sir Abraham A. Dene, whose infirmity of years are depriving us of that constant attendance at our Conclaves, which has always been his peculiar characteristic. That he may still continue to cheer us with his presence is the heart-felt wish of every Knight of Boston Commandery.

Sir Simon Alghieri was proposed for membership by Sir Wm. L. Sathrop. The application was referred to the following Committee.

Sirs

Joseph Williams
C. J. Nichols
B. F. Nurse.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For Quartered \$ 40.00

At 10 o'clock the Council was closed.
Number of Knights present. 270.

Attest

William Alison
Master of Dispatches

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening June 21st 1876.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in due
at Six and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. E.C. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Captain General.
" Rev John P. Stand	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White	Treasurer.
" William Ellison	Recorder.
" Eugene H. Richards	Sword Bearer J. S.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Benjamin H. Nourse	Sentinel
" Alexander W. Byer	Armorer.
" Edward T. Nichols	3rd Guard
" Joseph Williams	2nd "
" Francis Doane	1st "
" William J. Stevens	1st Asst "
" Eugene H. Richards.	2nd "
" John P. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto, they were declared Approved.

Reports of Committees

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Sir Simon Highiers for membership in Doston Commandery made a report, whereupon a Ballot was ordered, and he was declared Elected.

The Eminent Commander announced the death of Sir Joseph M Howard and in pursuance of his order the Recorder prepared and presented the following Memorial of the deceased, which on motion of Sir J. St Thomas Jr was ordered to be entered on the Journal, and a copy to be sent to the family of the deceased.

In Boston Commandery N.T. June 21st 1876

The sad announcement just made betokens that another Knight has fallen from our ranks. On the 24th of May 1876, Sir Joseph M Howard passed the lines of our dominions and was ushered into the presence of the Sovereign Master of the universe. The masonic history of Sir Knight Howard may be briefly told. He was raised in St. Paul's South Boston on the 21st of April 1852, and became a member on the same date. He demitted in April 1855, for the purpose of becoming a Charter Member of Gate of the Temple Lodge. in 1858 he was elected

W. Master of Gate of the Temple Lodge, and was reelected to that office in 1859. and on the 28th of February 1863, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member. He received the Royal Arch Degree in St. Paul's R.A. Chapter April 19, 1853 and was admitted to membership on the 3rd of May following. He received the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery on the 13th of January 1854, and took membership on February 15th of the same year.

Received the Perfection degree in La Fayette Lodge of Perfection A.A. Rite November 22nd 1863, was made a Prince of the R. S. in St. Mitt. Hinton Consistory December 4th 1863.

Sir Knight Howard was born in fourth Boston on the 11th day of June 1816, and died in Chelsea Mass May 24th 1876, at the ripe age of 59 years and eleven months.

In the days of his prosperity he contributed freely to the wants of others, in the days of his adversity his brethren gladly and promptly assisted in re-paying the debt and comforting as far as possible his earthly ills. In the death of Sir Knight Howard we are again reminded of that Sovereign Decree "that it is appointed unto man once to die".

The fiat of nature is inexorable, there is no appeal for relief from the great law which dooms us to the dust. We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forest. And the flowers that bloom and wither in a day have no fairer hold upon life than the mightiest of Earth's monarchs. Men seldom ever think of the event of death until the dark shadows fall across their pathway, hiding from their view the faces of loved ones whose living eyes were the sunlight of their existence.

Our departed Knight and brother met the grim messenger, with courage, fortitude and resignation, looking upon death as his only relief from bodily suffering

but waiting with patience to hear the warning call of the saviour
"Come unto me and I will give you rest." The constant
care and attention of a faithful wife and devoted daughter
were the solace of his departing hours. His body was
committed to the silent grave, followed by the officers of the
institutions to which he belonged, and the members of both of the
Temple Lodge. In performing the funeral ceremonies of the
order, every one felt that the language was not a mere formality,
but came from the heart of every sorrowing brother.

Respectfully Submitted, Wm Ellison

On motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple it was voted that the
Eminent Commander be requested to appoint a Committee of Nine
to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and that said Committee
be directed to notify the Recorder of the names so nominated,
that they may be borne upon the notices for the October Conclave.

The Eminent
Commander appointed the following Knights to constitute
that Committee.

Sirs
Thomas F. Temple
Benjamin A. Hersey
Thomas Beals
William B. Ulman
Henry A. Sawyer
Edwin A. Madleigh
Samuel D. Hicks
William H. Pattee
William L. Lathrop.

On motion of Sir Edward A. White it was ordered that the
balance of the assessment for funeral and relief expenses
for our late Sir Knight Joseph M. Howard be paid.

A letter from Phil^a in relation to the bill for expenses
attending the burial of the late Sir John A. Selwyn was
referred to E. P. C. Sir Samuel L. Lawrence.

On motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple it was voted that when
we adjourn this evening, the Commandery take a recess until
the regular Conclave on the third Wednesday in October next.

Sirs
George B. Hopper
Joshua F. Sampson
Lauriston C. Durkee
Charles A. Mendum
Thomas H. Wakefield
George T. Gillette
Frederick H. Ford

Were created and Dubbed Knights
of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order
of the
Temple.
Knights Templars.

The order of Malta was then conferred upon the above
named Knights, and they were declared duly invested with the
Orders of Knighthood.

The following named Knights made written application for membership in Boston Commandery and by order of the Eminent Commander their propositions were referred to the same Committees who had their applications for the orders in charge.

Sirs

Laureston C. Durkee

Joshua T. Sampson

Charles A. Henderson

George A. Gilette

Frederick M. Ford

George A. Mosser.

Companion John G. Stewart Jr. was, for the second time proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery and his application was referred to the following Committee.

Sirs

James H. Upson

Henry G. Fay

Dexter Humphreys.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For Quaterages

267 50

" Orders

50 00

" Memberships

150 00

" Life Memberships

50 00

" Diplomas:

7 00

524.50

Total \$ 524.50

At 10 o'clock the Skylum was closed.

Attest

William Wison
Recorder.

Seventy First Annual Conclave.

Wednesday Evening October 18th 1876.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in due form at seven and a half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. C. C. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr.
" H. Hayward

Prelate, Absent.

" Francis Lott
" John L. Stevenson
" Edward A. White
" William Ellison
" Eugene H. Richards
" Caleb Bowker
" Edwin Wright
" Benjamin F. Nourse
" Alexander K. Byer
" Edward C. Nichols
" Joseph Williams
" Francis Doane
" William J. Stevens
" Eugene H. Richards
" John B. Rhodes

Generalissimo
Captain General P. T.

Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Recorder
Sword Bearer P. T.
Standard Bearer
Warder
Sentinel
Armorer
3rd Guard
2nd
1st
1st Ass't
2nd
Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion John E. Stewart Jr for the Orders of Knights made a report, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and he was declared Elected.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of
Sirs
Laureston B. Durkee
Joshua C. Thompson
Charles A. Atwood
George A. Gillette
Frederick Alford
George W. Mosper.

for Membership in Boston Commandery severally reported, and upon a ballot being taken upon each application they were declared Elected.

Reports of Finance Committee and Armorer.

Boston October 18th 1876

The Committee on Finance have attended to their duty and respectfully submit the following

Report.

They have examined the books of the Treasurer and Recorder, and find that they have been properly and accurately kept. Proper Vouchers for all the disbursements are on file. The Recorder has received during the year from various sources as follows.

From Quartermasters	1,821.25
" Fees for the Orders	1,250.00
" " " Membership	600.00
" " " Life Membership	150.00
" " " Diplomas	24.00
" " " Sale of By Laws	75
Total	\$3,846.00

all of which has been paid into the Treasury, in strict compliance with the By Laws which requires monthly payments.

The Treasurers receipts have been as follows.

Balance on hand October 19th 1875.	256.08
Received from the Recorder	3,846.00
" " Trustees of the Permanent Fund	521.92
" " Interest on Treasurers Account	19.46
" for Sale of one Drawer in Armory	10.00
Total	4,653.46

He has paid as follows.

For Rent, Gas, Heating and Supt Fees	1,555.61
" Grand Commandery dues for 1876	124.40
Carried forward	1,680.01

Amount Prot forward	1680.01
For Collations and Ceremonials	602.50
" Printing 136.85 Postage &c 112.91	249.76
" Charity 142.62 Funerals 90.51	233.13
" Past Commanders Jewel to G. Sir Saml B. Laurence	200.00
" Regalia for Capt General & Jewels for Guards	49.00
" Cleaning Armory and Repairs	29.75
" Rejected Candidates (refunded)	100.00
" Permanent Fund 1/10 receipts for 1874, 1875 & 1876	657.22
" Two Life Memberships as per Report for 1875	100.00
" One " " " 1876	00.00
" Commissions for Collecting dues	79.97
" 20 Diplomas @ \$1.00	20.00
" 5 Copies Proceedings Grand Commandery, 1.50	7.50
" Records Salary	200.00
" Extra Services in 1874 and 1875	169.62
" Armors Salary 145.00 Sentinels 45.00 Organist 35.00	225.00
Total Expenditures \$4653.46	

The Commandery is now indebted to the Permanent Fund
Sixty two dollars & 09/100. \$62.09

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the
Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Boston Commandery
and find them correct.

The Board of Trustees have received
amounts as follows.

Balance on hand as per report October 19th 1875	5,242.34
Fees for Life Membership	150.00
Am't Carried forward	5,392.34

Amount Prot forward	5,392.34
Interest on Investments	472.60
Payment on Mortgage Note	700.00
One tenth receipts of Boston Commandery for 1874, 5 & 6	657.22
Total	7,222.16

In compliance with the By Laws and the instructions
of the standing Committee on Finance the Board has
paid into the Treasury of the Commandery the income
of the fund for the past year amounting to Five
hundred twenty one 92/100 dollars.

Leaving a Balance of \$6,700.24
of which they have invested in a Mortgage on
Real Estate in Boston with interest at Seven
per cent per annum

Balance of cash in hands of the Treasurer for
investment, lying on deposit in Mercantile Bank
with interest at four per cent per annum

The total of the Permanent Fund is now	
Cash on hand in Bank as above	2,200.24
One Mortgage on Real Estate in Boston at 7%	4,000.00
" " " " " " " " " "	4,500.00
Total Amount of Permanent Fund	\$10,700.24

against \$9,942.34 reported October 19th 1875,
showing a gain in the Permanent Fund this year of \$757.90

The Property of the Commandery consisting of Regalia &c is
insured for \$25,000.00

During the past year 23 candidates have been accepted to

receive the Orders, and two have been rejected.

24 Candidates have received the Order of the Red Cross.

24 " " " " " Temple

24 " " " " " Malta.

Companions

Charles Bates Tower

Albert A. Folsom

John H. Hagler

are entitled to all the
Orders conferred in Post Commandery.

Nineteen Sir Knights
have been elected to Membership the past year, and all of them
are fully qualified by the payment of the fee, and signing of
the By Laws.

The whole number of members last year	548
Admitted this year	19
	<hr/> 567

Discharged from Membership during the year	4
Died " " " "	8
	<hr/> 12
Present number of Members	555

of whom 15 are Honorary, and 100 Life Members.

For reasons deemed satisfactory to your Committee they have
remitted the dues of 14 Sir Knights whose names have been
given to the Recorder in accordance with the By Laws.

Lucius W. Allen	Augustus F. Russell	Wm F. Pierce
Cluster Sanderson	N. M. Culbertson	John W. McEllan
Benj. J. Leeds	John L. Paige	Wm B. Hayes.

F. C. Raymond Samuel Jepsen Jas A. D. Worcester
George D. Robinson B. F. Tenney.

The following Knights have died during the year and their
dues remaining unpaid have been remitted.

J. Frank Palmer

Edward J. Long

Edward Mingay

Theodore A. Gore

Francis Bush

J. W. Howard

Gabriel Ames

John N. Pierce.

The amt of Quartermasters due Oct 1875 and still unpaid	480.00
" " " " for 1876	<hr/> 2.003.75
Total due Oct 18. 1876	<hr/> 2.483.75

The Committee have directed the Recorder to notify all delinquents
in accordance with section 8 Article 1st of the By Laws which will
be enforced in all cases of two years standing

All of which is Courteously Submitted

Signed Saml Mason Jr. Eng Comd
J. H. Thomas Jr. Gen
James H. Upham. Cap Gen

Committed to
Finance.

Armors Report.

Post Commandery

October 18th 1876.

Property of Post Commandery in case of

the Armourer.

1 On Commanders Jewel and Case. 1 Charter and Case.
1 Gavel, 1 Templars Banner, staff and Belt. 1 Sovereigns Robe and Crown.
1 Mirror 1 Red Cross " " " 1 Silk Cassock for Prelate.
1 Black Walnut Panned Case. 1 Mitre & lined Cassock for Prelate.
1 Templars Chapeau and Apron for Prelate. 24 Red Cross Spears.
3 Dress Swords & Belts for Officers of Council. 1 Crook for Prelate.
3 Templars Sashes & Aprons " " 2 Guidons. 5 Battle Swords.
3 Red Cross " " " " 1 Clock 3 Handkerchiefs.
18 Jewels for Officers of Commandery. 1 Large Chest.
1 Black Walnut Case for Jewels. 1 Bound Copy of Scripture Lessons.
2 Ballot Boxes. 2 Candidates Robes. 15 Glass Goblets for Triangle
1 Pitcher for Triangle. 12 Silver Candle Sticks for Triangle. 1 Extinguisher & Tray for do
1 Trumpet. 1 Hair Cloth Cushion. 1 Feather Duster. 1 Hair Brush & Comb.
6 Spittoons 1 Banner Box 3 Silver Goblets. 3 Plates and case for swords.
1 Dagger & Sheath 12 R O Aprons & 40 White do 12 Messengers Badges. 2 Bibles
2 Squares & Compasses. 1 Candle Sticks for Prelate & 1 do for candidates.
1 Light stand for Prelate. 4 500 Wine Glasses for Banquet Table. 3 Napks
1 Table cover 100 Glass Decanters for Banquet Table. 2 Barrels 1 Tumbler.
1 Cork Screw 1/2 doz Tumblers. 1/2 doz Towels. 415 Copies of By Laws.
Six Setts of Shoulder straps for Officers.

Property in Common with St Molay & St Bernard Commanderies.
1 Triangle & Velvet covering 1 Pall & 2. 6 11 Candidates Swords & Belts.
3 small Tables for Guards 1 Wash Stand & Bowl. 1 Transparency.
10 Green Sashes. 2 Captives Chains. 2 Pilgrims Sticks.
2 Relics — (doubtfull as to ownership)

Respectfully Submitted.

Signed Alex K Bryer. Armourer.

Upon Motion it was Voted that the Reports of the Finance Committee and Armourer be accepted, recorded on the Journal and placed on file.

Report of Committee on Nomination of Officers.

Sir Thomas H. Temple, Chairman of the committee for nominating Officers, sent to the Recorder the following report.

Boston September 23^d 1876.

William Ellison Esq

Recorder Boston Commandery.

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the committee for nominating Officers for the year ensuing, held this day, the following Sir Knights were nominated for Officers, to be balloted for at the regular meeting, October 18th 1876.

For Eminent Commander	Sir Samuel Mason Jr	Boston
" Generalissimo	" Jephaniah H Thomas Jr	Cambridge
" Captain General	" James H. Upham	Boston
" Prelate	" Rev John P Bland	Cambridge.
" Senior Warden	" J. Francis Lotts	Boston
" Junior Warden	" John L. Stevenson	"
" Treasurer	" Edw A. White	"
" Recorder	" William Ellison	"
" Trustees for 3 years	" Henry Endicott	Cambridge.

Yours fraternally

(over)

Thomas F. Temple
Benjamin A. Hersey
Thomas Beals
William B. Ulman
Henry N. Sawyer
Edwin A. Wadleigh
Samuel D. Hicks
William H. Patten
William L. Lathrop

Committee.

The Report was accepted and the Commandery voted to proceed to the Election of Officers.

The Eminent Commander invited the Eminent Past Commander Sir Wykeham Marshall to assume the Chair and preside at the Election & Installation of Officers.

Eminent Past Commander Marshall upon assuming the Chair appointed the following Committees to distribute, collect, sort and count the votes for Officers.

1st Committee

Sirs Samuel L. French
Jabez F. Hervey
William B. Ulman

2nd Committee

Sirs
Edwin A. Wadleigh
Edgar F. Hunt
Henry N. Sawyer.

The Committees on Election of Officers reported as follows.

For Eminent Commander, whole number of votes 100 all of which were for
E. Samuel Masow Jr.

For Generalissimo, whole number of votes 100, all of which were for
Sir Jephaniah H. Thomas Jr.

For Captain General whole number of votes 101 all of which were for
Sir James H. Upham.

For Prelate, whole number of votes 105. 104 of which were for
Rev Sir John P. Bland.

For Senior Warden whole number of votes 104 all of which were for
Sir J. Francis Lotts

For Junior Warden whole number of votes 109 all of which were for
Sir John L. Stevenson.

For Treasurer, whole number of votes 102. 96 of which were for
Sir Edward A. White.

For Recorder whole number of votes 103. 101 of which were for
Sir William Ellison.

For Trustees for 3 years, whole number of votes 110 all of which were for
E. Sir Henry Endicott.

The Eminent Commander, presiding, proclaimed the following named Knights duly elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing term.

For Eminent Commander	E. Sir Samuel Masow Jr.
" Generalissimo	" Jephaniah H. Thomas Jr.
" Captain General	" James H. Upham
" Prelate	" Rev John P. Bland
" Senior Warden	" J. Francis Lotts.

For Junior Warden	Sir John L. Stevenson
" Treasurer	" Edward A. White
" Recorder	" William Ellison
" Trustee for 3 years	E. Henry Endicott.

The Eminent Commander elect, Sir Samuel Mason Jr. was presented to the Eminent Commander presiding who administered the obligation and installed him into his office.

Eminent Commander Sir Samuel Mason Jr. upon assuming the Chair returned his hearty thanks to the Knights under his command for the additional proof of their confidence in his official labors. He then announced the following appointments to fill the remaining offices.

For Sword Bearer	Sir Edward T. Nichols
" Standard Bearer	" Caleb Fowler
" Warden	" Edwin Wright
" 3rd Guard	" Joseph Williams
" 2nd "	" Francis Doane
" 1st "	" Wm J. Stevens
" 1st Asst "	" Eugene H. Richards
" 2nd "	" James M. Gleason
" 3rd "	" Wm A. Buntow
" Armorer	" Alex K. Dryer
" Musical Director	" John D. Rhodes
" Sentinel	" Benjamin F. Nourse.

Upon the confirmation of these appointments the E. Commander invited E. Sir Wyreman Marshall to again occupy the Chair and install the remaining Elective and appointed officers.

E. Sir Wyreman Marshall directed the remaining Elective and appointed officers to be presented for Obligation and installation. Whereupon he administered the obligation of office to the officers elect present, and they were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Prelate, Sword Bearer Elect, and 1st Guard, and also the Treasures were unavoidably absent at the hour of installation, and the Capt General elect Sir James H. Upham was absent in consequence of severe illness. The obligation and installation of the absent officers was necessarily postponed.

The Customary proclamation was made and E. C. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. upon resuming his official position returned the thanks of Boston Commandery to E. Sir Wyreman Marshall for his valuable and efficient services in conducting the ceremonies of Election and installation.

Sir James D. Perkins made written application for an honorable discharge from membership in Boston Commandery having tarried up a permanent residence in New York City. The request was granted.

The membership of H. J. McLeudy, Thomas Lewis, Saml F. Whitman Jr. Geo A. Tidd and Chas E. Swinerton, was by a unanimous vote declared forfeited for non payment of quarlerages, they having failed to respond to the official notice sent them as required by Article Nine Section 8 of the By Laws of Boston Commandery.

Companion John H. Thurston was proposed for the orders of Knighthood by Sir N. D. Sawin, the application was referred to the following named Knights.

Sirs

Joseph Williams
George H. Burton
George L. Cade.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For Quartermasters	397	50
" the Orders	50	00
" Life Membership	50	00
" Diploma	1	00
Total	\$498	50

The E. Commander announced the death of Sir Calvin Ames of E. Marshfield, and ordered the following record to be entered on the Journal. Sir Calvin Ames was born in Marshfield, Mass. August 26th 1824. was admitted to Membership in Boston Commandery Feb'y 15th 1865. Died at the McLean Asylum, Somerville, August 8th 1876, after an illness of two years. Always faithful to his knightly vows, true to all his knightly duties, life's labor done, let us hope that he has been welcomed within the lines of his heavenly Commander, there to enjoy the honors and rewards that await the faithful soldier of the cross.

At 9 1/2 o'clock the Asylum was closed.

Attest

William Ellison
Recorder.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening November 15th 1876.

Opened a Council of Knights of the
in due form at Six and a half o'clock.



Eminent Sir Samuel Mason for Sec Master. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J H Thomas Jr	Chancellor.
" James H Upham	Master of the Palace.
" Rev John P Oland	Prelate.
" Francis Lotts	Master of Cavalry.
" John L. Steverson	" " Infantry.
" Edward A White	" " Finance.
" William Ellison	" " Dispatches.
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Alexander N Bryer	Armorer.
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinel.
" Joseph Williams	1st Guard
" Francis Doane	2nd "
" William J Stevens	1st "
" Eugene H. Richards	1st Asst "
" James W Gleason	2nd "
" William A Buntow	3rd "
" John P. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Report of Investigating Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion John E. Brewster for the order of Knighthood made a report, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and he was declared Elected.

Installation.

The Sor Master invited E. Sir Wyndham Marshall to occupy the chair and install the following named officers who were unavoidably absent at our last annual convocate October 18th 1876.

Rev Sir John H Bland	Prelate.
Sir James H. Upham	Capt General
" Edward A White	Treasurer.
" Edward C. Nichols	Sword Bearer
" William J. Stevens	1 st Guard.
" William A. Dunton	3 rd Asst "

The ceremony of installation was performed by Eminent Sir Wyndham Marshall, and the officers were proclaimed duly installed into their respective offices for the current term.

The Sor Master resumed his official position.

A Communication was received from William Parman Commandery, East Boston on the "subject of giving a Grand Masonic Ball at Music Hall Boston this winter under the auspices of the several Commanderies stationed in Boston and vicinity, and requesting Boston Commandery to appoint a committee of Five to meet other committees, to decide upon the feasibility of such a movement.

Sir James H. Upham moved to refer the matter to the council with full powers.

Sir John L. Stevenson moved to amend the motion by adding the names of two additional Knights so as to make it a Committee of Five, as requested in the Communication.

The amendment was accepted by the original mover, and the motion as amended was adopted.

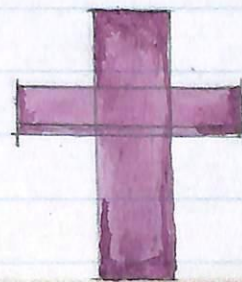
The Committee consists of the following named officers.

E. Sir Samuel Masqu Jr.	E. Commander
" J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo
" James H. Upham	Capt. Genl
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden.

Companions

Charles Bates Tower
James E. Stewart Jr
John H. Brewster.

Were Created and Dubbed Knights
of the Illustrious
Order of the



Receipts since last Conclave.

For Quarterages	358.75
" Diplomas	3.00
" Life Membership	<u>100.00</u>
Total	<u>\$461.75</u>

The Council was then closed.
Attest

William Wilson
Recorder

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening December 20th 1876

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at Six and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. C. B. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo
" James H. Upham	Captain General
" Rev. John F. Bland	Prelate
" Francis Lotts	Senior Warden
" John L. Stensow	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alexander K. Dryer	Armorer
" Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentinel
" Joseph Williams	3 rd Guard
" Francis Deane	2 nd Guard
" William J. Stevens	1 st " "
" Eugene H. Richards	1 st Asst " "
" James W. Gleason	2 nd " "
" William A. Dunton	3 rd " "
" John P. Rhodes	Musical Director

The Records of the last Conclave were read
and no objection being made thereto they were declared
Approved.

A communication from the Grand Commandery of Mass and
Rhode Island announcing the appointment of Visiting Officers
was read and ordered on file.

Sir Robert Lasli Robbins, applied for and obtained
an honorable discharge from Membership in Boston Commandery.

The E. C. by due course of mail received the following letter.

Memphis Tenn Oct 7th 1876
Sir Samuel Mason Jr.
E. C. Boston Commandery, Boston Mass.
My Dear Frater

Sir W. J. Murray
a member in good standing of Cyrene Commandery #4 of
this city is at Mr. E. H. Adams #219 Washington St Boston
very sick and we have no hopes of his recovery.

Will you please extend to him knightly courtesy during
his sickness, and if he is need of funds let me know immediately.

Courteously Yours
(Sig'd) Ed Norsham. E. C.
Cyrene Commandery #4.

E. C. Mason replied to this communication Oct 14th stating
that he had taken Sir Murray under the care of Boston
Commandery and would give him every attention.

The E. C. of Cyrene Commandery responded as follows.
Memphis Tenn Oct 26th 1876
Sir Saml Mason Jr. E. C. Boston Commandery.
My Dear Frater

Your knightly
letter came to hand in due time, and allow me Eminent
Sir on behalf of Cyrene Commandery #4 to thank you for
the sentiment it contained.

I had it read at our stated Conclave
and the commandery ordered it spread on the minutes.
Judging from the tone of the letter that there was little
hope for his recovery, the Commandery instructed me to
request Boston Commandery, in case of the death of Sir W. J.
Murray to give his remains a knightly burial, the expense of
which will be paid by Cyrene #4. Sir Murray has
always been a true Mason and Sir Knight, and we all
love him, he is a noble man and entitled to all the honors
of a true and valiant Templar. Please let me hear from
you in reference to his condition as we are very anxious to
hear from him. Thanking you again Eminent Sir for your
kindness I remain

Courteously and fraternally Yours
Ed Norsham
E. C. Cyrene Com #4.

E. C. Mason replied to this communication Nov 25, renewing
his assurances that every wish of Sir Murray should be complied
with. On the 21st of December Sir W. J. Murray
passed to his final rest, and by order of the E. Commandery
the following official notice of the event was transmitted to Cyrene
Commandery.

Boston Commandery January 6th 1877.
E. Sir Edward Norsham

E. C. of ~~Grand~~ Commandery #4 Memphis Tenn
Eminent Sir

You have
already been advised by E. Sir Sam Mason Jr of the death of
Sir Wm J Murray of your command on the 21st of Dec last.

I am directed by the council of Boston Commandery to
announce to you and your command officially his decease,
and the circumstances attending the last few weeks of his
illness. Upon receipt of your letter of the 7th of Oct. E. C.
Mason lost no time in finding the residence of Sir Murray
and communicating the object of his visit, and your request
that he should be tenderly cared for. E. C. Mason and the
Capt Gen of Boston Commandery Sir J. H. Upham paid him
almost daily visits, and with the assistance of Sir Edward
A White supplied all his temporary wants. All that
medical skill could do, and the kind attentions of a
devoted sister and brother Knights, were the consolation
of his parting hours. His request for a masonic
burial was complied with, and on the Sunday following
his decease, the officers of Boston Commandery filling twenty
one jewels attended his remains to their last resting place
at Mount Hope Cemetery some seven or eight miles from the
city proper. The prelate of Boston Commandery, Rev Sir
John P. Bland performed the devotional Exercises, and the
beautiful Templar service was conducted by E. C. Mason
assisted by the attending Knights.

The entire Expense of his illness
and all his funeral Expenses have been paid by the voluntary

contributions of the Knights of Boston Commandery.

Sir Knight Murray's faith and resignation and
filial trust and hope that he would be admitted within
the lines of the heavenly Commandery, there to enjoy the honors
and rewards that await the valient soldier of the cross
seemed to be a consolation to him as he approached the
end.

The Knights of Boston Commandery esteem
it a privilege thus to exemplify the teaching of our ritual,
and only desire, as a full and ample compensation for
what they have done, that should any Knight from our
section of the jurisdiction be similarly circumstanced
within the lines of your command, that your knightly
kindness and hospitality will be (as we are sure it will)
extended in a corresponding manner.

With kind regards to the Knights of Grand Commandery
Fraternally and Courteously Yours

William Mason
Recorder.

Sirs
John G. Stewart Jr
James M. Thurston

Were created and Dubbed Knights of the Valient and
Magnanimous order of the Temple.
Knights Templars.

The order of Malta was then conferred upon the above
named Knights and they were declared duly invested with the
Orders of Knighthood.

Companion Charles H. Barnes was proposed for the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery and his application was referred to the following Committee.

Sirs

Thomas A. Doyle

Charles A. Henderson

Hughes W. Bailey.

Sir John H. Fursten made written application for Membership in Boston Commandery, and by order of the E. C. his proposition was referred to the same Committee who had his application for the orders in Charge.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For Quaterages	301 25
" the Orders of Knighthood	100 00
" Membership	25 00
Total	\$ 426 25

At 9 o'clock and 10 min the Asylum was closed.

Attest

William Wilson
Recorder.

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening January 17th 1877

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at Seven o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Sec Master. Presiding

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr	Chancellor
" James H. Upham	Master of the Palace
" Rev John L. Bland	Prelate
" Francis Lotts	Master of Cavalry
" John L. Stevenson	" " Infantry
" Edward A. White	" " Finance
" William Ellison	" " Dispatches
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alex. N. Boyer	Armorer
" Benjamin C. Nurse	Sentinel
" Joseph Williams	1 st Guard
" Francis Doane	2 nd " "
" William J. Stevens	1 st " "
" Eugene H. Richards	1 st Asst " "
" James M. Gleason	2 nd " "
" William A. Puntow	3 rd " "
" John B. Rhodes	Music Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto they were declared Approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

Sir Thomas A. Doyle chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion Charles H. Barnes for the orders of Knighthood was prepared to report, but the associate members of the Committee being absent, it was resolved upon motion of S. Sir William Hayward to go into Committee of the whole, the Sir Master, Sir Samuel Mason Jr in the chair. after sundry recommendations by Sir Tho^d A Doyle and other Knights, the committee, on motion of Sir John E. Stevenson, rose and through its chairman made a favorable report. The report was accepted by the Council, and upon ballot the candidate was declared to be elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Sir John H. Thurston for Membership in Boston Commandery, made a report, and upon a ballot being ordered he was declared Elected.

Sir H. H. Clayton of Danhoe Commandery of New York City being present, presented to Boston Commandery for their use Danhoe Commandery March. upon accepting the gift a vote of thanks to the donor was unanimously adopted.

George Mountfort Esq, presented to Boston Commandery through Sir George O. Carpenter an original painting of

an engagement in 1720 between an Algerine Squadron of Knights of St. John off the Island of Malta. The present was accepted, ordered to be placed in the Armory, and the recorder was directed to return to Mr Mountfort the thanks of Boston Commandery for his appropriate gift.

Visiting Knights.

The Council was honored by the presence of the Eminent Commander of St. Molay Commandery, a delegation of officers from Joseph Warren, St. Omer au Cour de Lion Commanderies, and other distinguished Brothers.

Companions

A. A. Folsom

Charles H. Barnes

Were created and Dubbed, Knights,
of the Illustrious Order

of the



The following companions were prepared for the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, and their applications were referred

to the following Committees.

Companion Isaac Harris. Proposed by Sir Lyman R Mace

Committee Sirs J^r H Thomas Jr. W^m Ellison, Jo Williams

Companion Daniel Amosden Proposed by Sir Jabez P Heves

Committee Sirs Alex. K Pryer, Thos H Emmons. Warren Gardner.

Companion Edward W. Boyden. Proposed by Sir Daniel Gregory

Committee Sirs Nysemaw Marshall. E. L. Howard Thos Chappin.

Receipts since last enclosure.

For Quarterages
" the Orders

411 25

100 00

Total

\$ 511 25

At 9 1/4 o'clock the Council was closed.

Attest

William Ellison

Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening February 21st 1877

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars
in due form at six and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. E. C. Presiding.

Officers Present

Sir B. N. Thomas Jr	Generalissimo
" James H. Upham	Captain General
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate
" Frank Lott	Senior Warden
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alex. K. Bryer	Armorer
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinel
" Joseph Williams	3 rd Guard
" Francis Doane	2 nd Guard
" William J. Stevens	1 st Guard
" Eugene H. Richards	1 st Asst Guard
" James M. Gleason	2 nd " Guard
" William A. Buntow	3 rd " Guard
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last ~~Conclave~~ were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared Approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Isaac Harris

Daniel Amsteden

Edward L. Boyden

to receive the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery severally reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and they were declared Elected.

A written application was received from Sir Harry Jewell requesting an honorable discharge from Membership in Boston Commandery. the request was unanimously granted.

The Eminent Commander directed the recorder to read the following official communication from "South Memphis Lodge No 118. of Memphis, Tenn."

Memphis Tenn January 12th 1877.

To the

Eminent Commander and members of Boston Commandery
No Knights Templars, Boston Mass.

Brethren

at the stated Communication of South Memphis Lodge

No 118 F. & A. M. held on above date, the Secretary was instructed to convey to you the thanks of our Lodge for the courteous and brotherly attention paid to our late Junior Warden, Bro W. J. Murray, during his illness in your city, and to express our very high appreciation of the respect shown to his remains after death.

This kind and brotherly attention to a stranger, the affectionate care for him in his last hours, and the sad but beautiful ceremonies at his grave, will be remembered by us, and treasured as an exemplification of the noblest of our fraternal obligations; and be assured, that should it ever be our sad duty to be called upon to reciprocate, we will endeavor to emulate an example, that has been so tenderly presented for our admiration.

Our Brother held a high position in the affections of our Lodge, and a memorial page of our records will be dedicated to his memory.

By order of the Lodge

Sgd F. M. Nelson W. M.

attest

Ben R. Fuller, Secretary.

On motion of the Generalissimo the communication was ordered to be transcribed upon the Journal, and the recorder was directed to make an official response on behalf of Boston Commandery.

The response made by the recorder reads as follows.

In Boston Commandery Feb 27th 1877

To the Worshipful Master and members of South Memphis
Lodge No 118. F & A. Masons of Memphis. Tenn.
Brethren

Your esteemed
communication of the 12th ult, to the officers & Knights of
Boston Commandery was duly received; and I am instructed
by a vote of the Commandery to officially acknowledge the
receipt of the same.

The pleasure of doing good is very much
enhanced by the kind and grateful appreciation of those
who are equally interested in such labors of love and duty.

We are indebted to the Knights and brethren of
Memphis for the privilege and opportunity of administering to
the comforts and necessities of our mutual friend and brother
the late Sir Wm J. Murray.

In the discharge of our duties
and obligations, we have merited the warm hearted expressions
of fraternal love contained in your letter, a nobler recompense
could not be desired. Boston Commandery desires to
thank you for the beautiful sentiments, and kindly wishes
as eloquently expressed, and beg leave to tender her true
regards, and most affectionate remembrances.

Very truly and fraternally Yours

William Ellison
Recorder.

The Eminent Commander presented to Boston Commandery
a beautifully prepared document enclosed in an elegant
frame from Cyrene Commandery No 4 of Memphis, Tenn
expressive of their gratitude for the care and assistance

rendered the late Sir Wm J. Murray by the officers and
Knights of Boston Commandery.

On motion of the Captain General, the recorder
was directed to copy the same upon the Journal, and
make an official response on behalf of Boston Commandery.

The document from Cyrene Commandery reads as
follows.

Asylum of Cyrene Commandery No 4. K. T.
Memphis. Tenn January 22^d 1877.

To the

Eminent Commander,

Officers and Members of
Boston Commandery No 1. Boston Mass.

Dear Fraters

The
members of Cyrene Commandery number 4, of Memphis
Tennessee, feeling deeply the loving kindness and courteous
attention shown to their worthy Frater, Sir W. J. Murray, a
member of this Commandery, by the officers and members of
your Commandery, while said Frater was in your jurisdiction,
marked for death, a victim of consumption; are anxious
to show their appreciation of your faithful devotion
and attention to their loved companion, during his
sickness, death, and burial.

We, the committee appointed
by Cyrene Commandery to discharge that duty are
free to confess, that we cannot express in words the real
love and gratitude of our hearts. We are however

satisfied that noble Knights as you have proved yourselves to be will understand how gratified and thankful we are for such devotion, and strict conformity to the tenets of our Order. We with reverence change the language of our Service enough to say, that as you have done unto one of our number, we feel that you have done the same in spirit unto us all - that you have added a new lustre to the already glorious record; that you have endeared yourselves to us by ties, that can never be broken - added a new and softer beauty, and brighter link to the chain of our brotherhood.

May we not then, humbly ask God's richest blessing upon you all; hailing you as the truest soldiers of our order, hoping that we shall never forget your kindness and attention to our fallen Frater, and believing that your example will ever make us anxious and willing to do anything in our power for the glory, advancement and happiness of any member of our Commandery.

With our warmest thanks

to our dear Fraters

Yours Courteously,

signed,

J. J. Paribus
H. R. Hodges
James B. Emery } Committee

Adopted as the sentiments of Byrene Commandery No 4, by a rising vote, unanimously.

J. J. Paribus

Recorder.

signed Ed. Worsham

Eminent Commander

The recorder responded as follows.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers and
Knights of Byrene Commandery No 4, K. T. of Memphis, Tenn.
In Boston Commandery March 5th 1877.

Dear Fraters

The illuminated copy, enclosed in a beautiful frame of the action of your command relative to the sickness, death and burial of the late Sir William J. Murray was duly received by Express, and was presented and read to the Knights of Boston Commandery, at our stated Conclave on the evening of Wednesday February 21st 1877.

Its unanimous reception was followed by an order from the Eminent Commander, that the recorder transmit to Byrene Commandery an official acknowledgement and acceptance of the same.

The Exhaustive language of commendation and fraternal love, contained in the beautiful document, leaves a barren field for the undersigned to cull those choice flowers of rhetoric that could possibly rise to the level of the occasion.

as Knights and brethren we are not to be told that we live in a world of vicissitudes and changes; that we are all subject to sorrow, sickness and death; that the graves are opening all around us, for the ashes of the dead, calling us to the rites of sepulture.

The ritual of Knighthood

clearly indicates our duty in every such emergency.

But the lineal descendants of our first Grand Master Sir Hugh De Payens, need no such admonition; for the great Captain of our salvation has impressed this duty of filial love upon our hearts, and to do good as we have opportunity, to be good men and true, is among the first lessons taught in Free Masonry:

With sorrowful and sympathising hearts we may rejoice that an opportunity was presented in the death of Sir William J. Murray to exemplify those noble principles of our affiliation which recognises neither sect, party, state lines or nationalities, but proclaims in sweet accord, the golden bonds of a universal brotherhood.

That the death of our dear frater and brother may be a cement to bind together for the future in knightly and fraternal fellowship the Knights of Cyrene and Boston Commandery is the heartfelt wish and earnest desire of every member of our Command:

Accept the grateful assurances of our most affectionate regards and esteem.

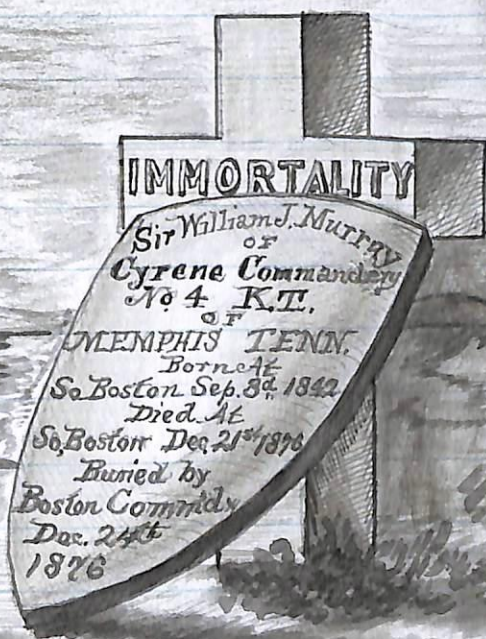
Courteously Yours

William Allison

Recorder.



T E N N E S S E E



The Eminent Commander announced in an appropriate manner the death of Sir Henry J. Bacon, which took place at Arlington on February 9th 1877. He also announced that he had appointed a special committee consisting of

~~Charles B. Fessenden~~
~~William H. Carter~~
~~Edward Storer~~

to prepare and present a memorial of the deceased.

Sir Charles B. Fessenden Chairman of the Committee submitted the following Memorial paper, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

In Boston Commandery February 21st 1877.
On Friday

February 9th 1877 the dark shadow of death passed into the household of Sir Henry J. Bacon; and all that was mortal of our beloved Knight and brother, was arrayed in the robes of an immortal life.

Brother Bacon was raised in Hirard Lodge of Arlington, Mass on the 7th of January 1864, and became a member of that body on the 18th of February following.

He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Menotomy R. A. Chapter of Arlington on November 27th 1866 and was immediately thereafter admitted to Membership.

He received the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery on May 21st 1873, and was admitted a member on June 18th of the same year. On the 18th of November 1874

he took life Membership in this body, and was at the time of his last illness an active member of his Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

A severe and fatal illness exhausted his physical strength, and set the stamp of death upon his enfeebled frame.

It was a struggle between the immortal soul, irrepressible in its energies, and the frail body hastening to its dissolution: Sickness is indeed the shadow of death, and a hopeless disease is death itself.

To the weak in spirit it often falls like a softened twilight, gradually deepening into that darkness in which no man can work, an imprisonment in fetters in which the iron enters into the soul.

Sir Knight Bacon was born at South Boston on the 12th of May 1830. and at the time of his decease at his residence in Arlington he was 46 years and nine months old.

As a citizen and townsman he was upright, conscientious and exact in all his dealings. As a man, in all his relations to society, whether in his domestic, or other circles, no cloud dims a page of his history. As a husband and father, he was kind and affectionate.

As a mason and knight, he was always an earnest, zealous and active member, ever ready and willing to labor for its advancement and best welfare. While his death saddens us all, we must remember that an honorable record leaves no indication of man's decay, but speaks only of his immortality.

His remains were followed to their last resting place in Arlington by the members of Girard Lodge, Menotomy C. A. Chapter, and a delegation

from Boston Commandery, on Monday February 12th 1877.

Ours let it be to emulate his virtues, cherish his memory, and place upon record, in submissive sorrow, our recognition of the inscrutable decree which called hence from us forever our beloved brother and knight Sir Henry Bacon.

Respectfully Submitted

Signed Chas. D. Tisdender
William H. Patten } Committee.
Edward Storer }

Life Memberships.

Since the report of the last fiscal year October 12th 1876 the following named Knights have applied for and have received certificates for Life Memberships.

Sirs	
Oct 18 th 1876	Charles D. Burrill
Nov 15 "	David V. Stratton
" " "	Joshua T. Sampson

Sir Henry Hobart on February 21st 1877 applied for and put in ^{for} an application for Life Membership for Sir Saml. A. Dyer Jr.

Sir Dyer's Certificate has since been placed in his possession, making the total list of Life Memberships 105. from which is to be deducted two deaths, Sir John E. M. Gitley and Henry Bacon leaving the present number of Life Members.

One Hundred

and Three.

Delinquent List.

The following named Knights were reported as per requirement of Art 9 sec 8 of the By Laws, as indebted for quarterages to the amount of ten dollars each.

Sirs

Horace W Fuller

Albert N Holt

David Gore

Timothy W. Ray

A. B. Wentworth

James L. Lincoln

William G. Train

Thomas H. Webb.

pending final action the quarterages of Sir Wm G. Train were paid by Sir Edward A. White. The Commandery for satisfactory reasons remitted, by a unanimous vote the indebtedness of Sir James L. Lincoln and Thomas H. Webb.

The membership of Sirs


Horace W Fuller

David Gore

A. B. Wentworth

Albert N. Holt

Timothy W. Ray

 was by a vote of the Commandery declared forfeited. immediately thereafter upon a statement of Sir D. Gregory that he was requested by Sir A. W. Holt to pay his dues, and a statement to the recorder by Sir T. W. Ray that he supposed final action would not be taken until a later period of the session, the vote by which their membership was declared forfeited was reconsidered. whereupon their indebtedness was immediately cancelled. of the foregoing list the membership of Sirs Horace W Fuller, David Gore and A. B. Wentworth, only, are forfeited.

Work.

Sirs

Charles Bates Esq

Charles H. Barnes

A. A. Tolson

were created and Dubbed Knights
of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order
of the
Temple.
Knights Templars.

The order of Knights was then conferred upon the above named Knights, and they were declared duly invested with the

Orders of Knighthood.

Written application having been made by the above named Knights for membership in Boston Commandery, by order of the Eminent Commander their propositions were referred to the same Committee who had their applications for the orders in charge.

Visiting Knights

The Conclave was honored by the presence of a large number of visiting patrons, whose address it was impossible for the recorder to obtain, but whose ever welcome presence always develops the social element of Knighthood.

Sir Eugene H. Richards submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the state of the Treasury, the revenue and expenses of Boston Commandery, and make such recommendations as they deem best for its interests.

The E. C. appointed the following named Knights to constitute that Committee

Sirs

John L. Stevenson

Edward A. White

Albert C. Whiting

Thomas A. Temple

William Ellison.

The following Companions were proposed for the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, and their applications were referred to the following Committee, for Investigation.

Companion Chas Edwin Hollandsbee

Proposed by Sir Geo. P. Brown

Committee Sirs E. A. Wadleigh, Irving S. Palmer, Chas H. Dunham

Companion Danl. H. Lovejoy

Proposed by Sir Geo. P. Brown

Committee Sirs Leone S. Quimby, James Houston
Wm H. Bailey.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For Quaterages	210	00	
" the Orders	50	00	
" Life Membership (S. N. Dyer Jr)	50	00	
" Memberships	75	00	
" Diplomas	3	00	388.00

Total \$ 388.00

At 9³/₄ o'clock the Asylum was closed.

Attest

William Ellison
Recorder



Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening March 21st 1877

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, in
due form at six and one half o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel Mason Jr, Sec Master Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J H Thomas Jr	Chancellor
" James H. Upham	Master of the Palace
" Rev John P. Bland	Prelate
" John L. Stevenson	Master of Infantry
" J. Frank Lott	Master of Cavalry
" Edward A. White	Master of Finance
" William Allison	Master of Dispatches
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer
" Capt Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alex K. Bryer	Armorer
" Benjamin F. Nurse	Sentinel
" Joseph Williams	3rd Guard
" Francis Quare	2nd "
" William J. Stevens	1st "
" Eugene K. Richards	1st asst "
" James M. Gleason	2d " "
" William A. Dunton	3d " "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto, they were declared Approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Companions

Charles Edwin Cottonstee
Daniel Heyward George.

to receive the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, severally reported whereupon a ballot was ordered and they were declared Elected.

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of Sirs

Charles Bates Crow
A. A. Farnam
Charles H. Barnes

for Membership in Boston Commandery, severally reported and upon a ballot being ordered, they were declared Elected.

The Sir Master announced that Eminent Sir Nelson W Aldrich Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Mass and Rhode Island, and Suite, were in the ante-room for the purpose of paying an Official visit to

Boston Commandery, whereupon he appointed the following named Knights a committee to retire and escort the Grand Officers within the lines of our Command.
Eminent Past Commanders

Sirs

Daniel Harwood

Nydemau Marshall

Charles C. Dame

Charles Edward Powers

William Gayward, and

Sirs Henry G. Fay

George O. Dodd

John W. Mellan.

The Committee retired with a guard of honor, escorted, and presented to the Sir Master the following distinguished Fraters.

Sir Nelson W. Aldrich	E. Grand Genl. S. C. Mass & R. I.
" Nicholas Tard Slyk	E. Past G. C. of St. C. of Mass & R. I.
" George H. Burnham	E. C. of St. Johns. Com. Providence R. I.
" Henry A. Pierce	E. C. " Holy Sep. Com. Pawtucket "
" Saml G. Stiness	Genl. of February " Providence "
" Edw. L. Freeman	Grand Lecturer S. C. Mass & N. I.
" Alfred F. Chapman	Grand Recorder " " "
" Chas H. White	S. C. of St. Omer Com. S. Boston
" W. D. Vincent	Genl. of St. Johns C. Providence R. I.

The Sir Master, with words of welcome invited the E. Grand Generalissimo to assume the oriental Chair, upon

declining which, the E. C. Gent^e requested the Sir Master to proceed with the business of the evening

The Sir Master announced the death of Sir Lewis Rice who deceased at the American House in this city on March 15th 1877. and appointed the following named Past Commanders, a Committee to prepare & present a memorial of the deceased.

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall
E. Sir John V. Hall
E. Sir Cha^s Edward Powers.

Sir Thomas G. Clarkson, made written application for an honorable discharge from Membership in Boston Commandery. His request was granted.

The following Communication was received from Cyrene Commandery No 4 of Memphis Tenn.

Memphis Tenn Feby 10th 1877.

To the
E. C. Officers and Members of Boston Commandery
Boston Mass.

Dear Fraters

At the Stated Conclave of Cyrene Commandery No 4 held on the night of January 22nd 1877 the death of our lamented frater Sir Am^o J. Murray which occurred in your city recently was referred to, and also the fraternal treatment which he received during

his illness from the Sir Knights of Boston Commandery, when the following Resolutions was introduced and unanimously adopted. *Viz* Resolved

That E. Sir Samuel Masow Jr, Sir J. H. Thomas Jr, and James H. Upham, members of Boston Commandery, be made and are hereby declared Honorary Members of Cyrene Commandery No 4 to rank as follows. E. Sir Samuel Masow Jr as, P. E. C. Sir J. H. Thomas Jr as Past Generalissimo, Sir James H. Upham, Past Capt Genl. and that the recorder notify Boston Commandery of this action.

Fraternally Yours
William Gay
Recorder P. C.

In response to an order from the Sir Master the recorder returned the following acknowledgement.

In Boston Commandery March 24th 1877.

To the
E. C. Officers and members of Cyrene Commandery No 4
Memphis Tenn.

Dear Fraters

Your official communication of February 10th 1877 communicating to this command a Resolution adopted by your Commandery on the evening of January 22nd 1877 constituting E. Sir Samuel Masow Jr and Sir J. H. Thomas Jr, and James H. Upham

honorary members of your body, to rank as P. E. Commander, Past Generalissimo and Past Capt Genl, was duly received, and on the evening of Wednesday last was read and promulgated to the Knights of Boston Commandery.

The undersigned was charged with the pleasant duty of officially acknowledging the compliment, and of expressing to Byrnes Commandery the grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon this body by this generous, voluntary and knightly courtesy.

Accept the renewed assurances of our most affectionate regards, and kindest remembrances.

Courteously Yours
William Alison
Recorder.

A communication was received by the C. C. from Mr Mary A Brownell, sister of the late Sir Mrs J. Murray, dated S. Boston Dec 26th 1876, requesting Boston Commandery to accept as a memorial present, the uniform of her late brother, as a slight token of her appreciation of the personal kindness to, and tender care for him while sick, and for his knightly burial by Boston Commandery. She also desired to express her thanks to those other members of the Commandery, personally unknown to her who contributed so promptly and efficiently to the comfort and necessities of her late brother.

The recorder was directed to return the thanks of the Commandery for the gift.

The letter and response are on the files of the Commandery.

Report of Special Committee on Revenue & Expenses.

is John L. Stevenson, Chairman of the Committee submitted the following report.

To the Ominent Commander and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery.

The Committee appointed under vote of Feby 21st 1877, on the state of the Treasury, Revenue and Expenses, having duly considered the matter assigned them, report that the revenue is not sufficient to meet the running expenses of the Commandery, hence a reduction of expenses is absolutely necessary: which your committee recommend be made; first on the collations, which are now served in excellent quality and at a low price, but can be given still cheaper in both quality and price: secondly in rent, which is now Fifteen Hundred dollars per year:

while our finances will not admit of our paying more than One thousand dollars per annum.

Respectfully Submitted by order of the Committee,

Sig'd. John L. Stevenson
Chairman.

Boston March 21st 1877.

On motion of Sir Eugene H. Richards the report was adopted, and the council were clothed with full powers on the subject of collations.

So much of the report as refers to a reduction of Rent was recommitted to the committee

Stated Conclave

Wednesday Evening April 18th 1877.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in
due form at Six and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. C. C. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr.	Generalissimo
" James H. Upham	Captain General
" Eugene H. Richards	Prelate, P. T.
" Frank Lotts	Senior Warden
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden
" Edward A. White	Treasurer
" William Ellison	Recorder
" Edward T. Nichols	Sword Bearer
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" Alex. N. Pryor	Armorer
" Benjamin A. Nourse	Sentinel
" Joseph Williams	3rd Guard
" Francis Dwan	2nd " "
" William J. Stevens	1st " "
" Eugene H. Richards	1st Asst " "
" James M. Gleason	2nd " "
" Wm. A. Buntow	3rd " "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared approved.

Communications.

An official communication from R. E. Grand Commander Sir Henry W Rugg of the Grand Commandery of Mass & N Island, calling the attention of the several Subordinate Commanderies of this jurisdiction to the Statutes and Digest of Templar law, adopted by the Grand Encampment of the U. S. at its last triennial session, and especial attention to the provisions respecting form of petition for the orders; the time and manner of receiving and acting upon petitions; ballot, and objections after ballot; fees, demits, suspensions, etc.

the communication was read and ordered on file.

A communication was received from Sir Charles C. Thompson of Philadelphia Commandery No 21 of Phil^a Penn, asking pecuniary assistance, or other aid to relieve himself and family from their embarrassed condition and enable them to return to Philadelphia.

the communication was referred to the council with full powers to grant such relief, as in their judgement the circumstances of the case may require. the letter was placed on file.

The Recorder was directed to apply to R. E. Grand

Commander Sir Henry W Rugg, for permission for Boston Commandery to parade in public, in regalia on the 25th of June next, to celebrate St John's day, should the Commandery decide to make such celebration.

A communication was received, with sundry accompanying documents from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Ohio inviting Boston Commandery to be present and participate in the escort at the reception of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. on their assembling to hold their twentieth triennial Conclave in the city of Cleveland Ohio on Tuesday August 28th 1877.

The documents were referred to the council with full powers, who subsequently reported that it would be impracticable and inexpedient at the present time to carry out the project in a manner to reflect credit upon this Command.

They therefore direct the recorder to acknowledge the kind and fraternal invitation of the G. C. of Ohio, and express the hope, in declining the same, that the occasion will be one that will redound to the honor & prosperity of Templar Masonry.

A communication was received from South Memphis Lodge No 118, Memphis R A Chapter No 95 and Loge Commandery No 4, all of Memphis Tenn, dated March 31st 1877, and enclosing a draft for One Hundred Dollars to be expended in erecting suitable Head and Foot stones at the grave of our late mutual friend and brother Sir Wm J Murray. the subject was referred to the council with full powers to carry out the designs of the donors.

The recorder was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

the letter and response of the recorder are on file.

On motion of Sir E. H. Richards a committee of Five was appointed by the E. L. to consider the expediency of making a public parade and Excursion in full Regalia on Monday the 25th of June next to celebrate St John's day.

The E. L. appointed the following named Knights as that Committee.

Sirs

Eugene H. Richards

Albert T. Whiting

Malcolm C. Greene

William J. Stevens

Henry G. Fay.

On motion of Sir J. Frank Lotts the council was added to the Committee.

Sirs

Isaac Harris

Daniel Amosden

Edward L. Boyden

Charles E. Follenstee

Daniel H. Lovejoy.

Were created and Dubbed Knights
of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order
of the
Temple.

Knights Templars.

The Order of Malta was then conferred upon the above named Knights, and they were declared duly invested with the

Orders of Knighthood.

The same Knights subsequently made written application for Membership in Boston Commandery whereupon by order of the Eminent Commander their applications were referred to the same Committee who had their propositions for the orders in charge.

E. Sir Wyseman Marshall chairman of a Committee to prepare a memorial upon the death of Sir Lewis Rice, presented the following, which was ordered to be copied on the Journal and a copy thereof sent to the family of the deceased.

Boston Commandery April 18th 1877

In Memoriam.

"Is not the whole of life to live
Nor all of death to die."

With feelings of profound sadness we are called upon to place upon memorial record the death of another of our honored members.

Sir Lewis Rice was born at Northboro, Worcester County Mass, on the 23rd of November 1809, and passed to that unknown shore from where no traveller returns, on the 15th of March 1877 aged

67 Years 3 mo^s 23 days. On the 15th of March, just before midnight Sir Lewis Rice was awakened by the light of a fire then just breaking out in an adjoining Estate, in plain view, and within about forty feet from the windows of his chamber in the American House. rising and dressing himself without apparent excitement, conversing meanwhile with Mrs Rice he walked towards the door, but before reaching it, sank upon the floor & almost instantly expired.

The cause of his death was paralysis of the heart. He leaves a widow and two Sons, both members of St John's Lodge. To the family we extend our kindest sympathies, for surely they are walking in the shadow of a great sorrow.

Sir Lewis Rice during his life filled several positions of public and private trust. He served the city of Boston in the Common Council in 1864, '66 '67 and '68, and as an alderman in 1869. During several years he was one of the board of directors of public institutions, and a justice of the peace for the county of Suffolk. He was at one time connected with the National Sancers. He was ever ready to contribute to any project which looked to the advancement of the interests of Boston, and for many years a regular supporter of various local charities.

Sir Lewis Rice was made a mason in St John's Lodge May 13th 1844. affiliated Sep 2^d 1844. He served the Lodge as steward in 1846 and 47, Junior Warden in 1848 and 49. a member of committee on Charity 1845, 46, 47, 49 and 50. He was elected to the

degree of M. A. M. in St Paul's Chapter Jan'y 14th 1845, admitted to membership Feb'y 11th the same year.

He was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Boston (commandery Feb'y 26th 1845, and became a member thereof April 16th 1845. advancing age and business cares have prevented his taking any active part in masonic matters for several years past, but he maintained his connection with the institution during his whole life. The last two days of his life he was exceedingly happy, as he felt he could then see the silver lining so long hid beneath the clouds.

"None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."

Respectfully Submitted

Wm Marshall.

Sir James H. Upham presented to the Commandery a bound copy of the statutes and Digest of Templar Law, the thanks of the Commandery were unanimously voted.

Visiting Fraters.

E. and distinguished Knights were present from N York, Jersey, Worcester and Boston, who were cordially welcomed.

Comp Rufus Holman was proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery by Sir Joshua F. Sampson. the application was referred to Sir James M. Mason. E. H. Richards. E. A. Holtow.

Companion Leonard P. Marvin was proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery by Sir Frank Colts.

The application was referred to the following Committee:
Sirs. J. H. Thomas Jr. J. F. Sampson and J. M. Gleason.

Receipts Since last Conclave.

For Quarterages
" Membership
" Diplomas

Total

35	00
75	00
3	00
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\$ 113.	00

At 10 o'clock and ten minutes the Commandery was closed.

Attest William Alison
Recorder,

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening May 16th 1877.

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at six and one half o'clock.

E. Sir Samuel Masses Jr. for Sir Master Presiding.

Officers Present

Sir J H Thomas Jr	Chancellor
" James H Upham	Master of the Palace
" Rev John P Bland	Prelate
" John L Stevenson	Master of Infantry
" J Frank Lotts	" " Cavalry
" E. H Richards	" " Finance P.T.
" Jas M Gleason	" " Dispatches P.T.
" Edward T Nichols	Sword Bearer
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer
" Edwin Wright	Warder
" A K Fryer	Armorer
" Benjamin F. Nourse	Sentinel
" Joseph Williams	Foot Guard
" Francis Doune	2 nd "
" William J Stevens	1 st "
" Eugene H. Richards	1 st Ass ^t "
" James M Gleason	2 nd " "
" William A Bunton	3 rd " "
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.

The Records of the last Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto, they were declared Approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees

The Committees to whom was referred the applications of
Companions

Prof. Holman
Leonard C. Harvill

to receive the orders of Oignitance in Boston Commandery
severally reported whereupon a ballot was ordered and
they were declared Elected.

The Committees to whom was referred the
propositions of Sirs

Isaac Harris
Daniel Amersden
Charles E. Follen

for Membership in Boston Commandery severally
reported, and upon a ballot being ordered they were declared
Elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition of
Sir Edward Boyden for Membership in Boston
Commandery were not present and made no report.

Sir Daniel H. Lovejoy, at his own request, withdrew
at the present time his application for Membership in
Boston Commandery.

Reports of Special Committees.

Sir John L. Stevenson Chairman of the Committee
to whom was referred the death of Sir George Lyman
Barr submitted the following report, which in motion
of Sir James H. Upham was unanimously adopted,
ordered to be spread upon the records and a copy
thereof sent to the family of the deceased.

In Boston Commandery May 16th 1877

To the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights

The Committee on the decease of Sir
George L. Barr present the following report.

George Lyman Barr, the only
son of Dr James Barr, was born in New Ipswich, N.H. March
12th 1830. He received his education in the Academy of his
native town. He lost his father at an early age, and his
mother, a woman of uncommon intelligence and force of
character, removed with her family to Medford, Mass. He
soon afterwards found a situation as a clerk in a dry
goods store in Boston, and upon reaching manhood, he
established himself upon his own account in the same business
on Hanover Street, Boston.

He married, Nov 20. 1857, Elizabeth
Maria, the only daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Lawrence of

Medford.

Mr Barr followed with success the business in which he first engaged, for several years, when he was admitted a member of the firm of Daniel Laurence & Sons, Medford, and continued his connection with the same untill about 1867. Upon his retirement from business, having achieved a competency, and become wearied of active pursuits, he sought only the quiet contentment of domestic life. Averse to all public employments, he yet took the interest of an intelligent citizen in the affairs of the country, and as a resident of Medford, lending a ready hand and purse to the promotion of many good works, his influence was always felt in matters touching the public welfare. He gave special attention to the building up of the fire department of Medford, and consented for several years to take supervision of it as Chief Engineer. This was the only public office he ever held.

Mr Barr had strong predilections for antiquarian pursuits, and gave much of his leisure to the collection of rare, books, coins, and articles that drew their interest from a by-gone age. He shared in the enthusiasm of others for his favorite pursuit, and was generous in his contributions to many public and private collections.

He took up his residence inoughkeepsie N.Y. in 1874, for the purpose of superintending the education of his daughters atassar College. Spending the winter in 1876-7 in Springfield Mass. for the benefit of the health of his youngest child who was suffering from malarial fever, he contracted in January a severe cold, which resulted in congestion of the lungs, and with intervals of apparent convalescence, in his death on April 1st

at the age of forty seven years.

Mr Barr left a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

Our Brother Knight Barr was made a Master Mason in Bethel Lodge, New Ipswich N.H Aug 12. 1856. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason Feb 4th 1857 in St Andrews Chapter, of which he was for six years a member.

He was created a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery June 11th 1857, and perfected his membership therein Oct 21st 1857, becoming a Life Member Jan 13. 1875. He withdrew from St Andrews Chapter to assist in forming a Chapter at Medford, known as Upsilon Royal Arch Chapter of which he acted as Secretary while it worked under dispensation.

The Chapter was instituted June 18th 1863. and was chartered June 25th 1864, with Mr Barr as one of its charter members.

He received the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Lafayette Lodge of Perfection 14^o Dec 11th 1868; Giles F Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem 16^o Dec 18th 1868; Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix 18^o Jan 23rd 1869; and was created a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret 32^o in DE Witt Clinton Consistory Feb 5th 1869; and was at the time of his death a member of Massachusetts Consistory. He was deeply attached to Masonry and continued to his death his membership in the various bodies with which he affiliated.

In the death of our beloved Brother Knight, the members of our fraternity mourn the loss of a generous and sympathetic friend whose genial qualities of character had endeared him to a wide circle of acquaintance. His too early departure, while it awakens many tender recollections, will remind us of the uncertain tenure by

which we all retain our hold upon life, and will stimulate us to active well-doing during the short period of our earthly existence.

Courteously Submitted

Signed John L. Stevenson
Parker R. Litchfield } Committee
Luther H. Brooks }

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of a Celebration by Boston Commandery of St John's day on Monday June 26th next, submitted a report recommending that the Commandery do celebrate St John's day, and that Melville Garden, Dourner Landing be selected as the place to assemble for said Celebration. The Committee also recommend, "that the expenses of said Celebration be paid solely by the participants, and that the Treasury of the Commandery be not subject to draft for any part thereof. The price of tickets provided not less than 150 Sir Knights participate, to be \$1.00 each for Ladies and \$5.00 for each Sir Knight. provided however that if 200 or more Sir Knights tickets are taken, the price to be \$4.00 each.

The committee also recommend that unless the purchase of 150 gentlemen tickets is assured by the 28th of May, no further steps towards a celebration be taken, as with a less number than 150 Sir Knights, your committee do not feel that the affair would be successful or creditable.

The committee further recommend that any Sir Knight not a member of Boston Commandery, may

if touched for by a member, join in the celebration, by paying for a ticket, and appearing in uniform like that of Boston Commandery.

On motion of Sir James H. Upham the report of the Committee was accepted.

Sir James H. Upham then moved that it is the expression of the Commandery to go on this excursion, and to ascertain the minds of the Sir Knights present, a vote was taken which resulted, 47 affirmative, Negative - None.

Sir John L. Stevenson moved that all Sir Knights who would agree to take tickets and participate in the parade be requested to rise. 54 Knights were counted.

By order of the Sir Master the council recessed from business for the purpose of circulating subscription papers for signatures for the excursion.
47 Knights Subscribed.

Sir Stevenson then moved that so much of the report as restricted the participants to wearing the Regalia of Boston Commandery be rescinded, and that they be permitted to wear their own uniform.

adopted Yeas 36 Nays 0.

On motion of Sir Stevenson the subject was recommitted to the same Committee with an addition of seven more Sir Knights to be appointed by the Sir Master.

On motion of Sir E. H. Richards a contribution was taken up, to make up the deficiency for funeral and attendant expenses for the sickness and death of the late Sir M^r J. Murray.
the amount collected was \$34.53.

Companions

Reuben Holmes
Leonard C. Warren

Were created and Dubbed Knights
of the Illustrious Order

of the



Sir Benjamin P. Cunningham was proposed for Membership in Boston Commandery by Sir Walter M. Boyden.
Made a M. M. in W. Hope Lodge Fall River Mass.
Exalted to R. A. in Providence Royal Arch Chapter, Providence R. I.
V. T. in St. John's Commandery Providence R. I.

Committee Sir J. P. Sampson Sir W. Barnes Sir H. M. Pham.

By order of the Eminent Commander the following "Memorial" upon the death of Sir Daniel Rickerby has been placed upon the Journal.

Sir Daniel Rickerby was born in Ireland in 1820, and learned the trade of a Slater. Emigrating to this country in his early years he continued to follow his occupation with varying success, in his later years pecuniary unsuccessful, up to the time of his death, which took place in Boston on Monday June 11th 1877, at the comparatively early age of 57 years. "passing away like a full ear of corn, whose ^{Boston} escaped yet withered in the ripening".

Sir Knight Rickerby was made a Master Mason in Massachusetts Lodge Boston, and was exalted to the R. A. Degree in St. Pauls R. A. Chapter, April 20th 1858, and became a member thereof on the 15th of May following.

He received the orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery in March and April 1860, and was admitted to membership on the 16th of May following. At the time of his death he was in full membership in Boston Commandery and St. Pauls R. A. Chapter.

He was usually present at the conclaves of the Commandery, but his retiring disposition kept him from active participation in the proceedings of this body. To the Masonic fraternity his memory will be fragrant with the pleasant recollection that a faithful husband, a good citizen, an honest man, a true Mason has joined the ranks of that invisible army of knights who are marching under the banner of the great Captain of our salvation, let us hope, to the promised land, there to dwell ^{forever} in realms of light, and everlasting bliss. To his desolate and bereaved widow Boston Commandery tenders its sincere sympathy & consolation. His remains were followed to their last resting place at W. Auburn on Thursday last by officers of Boston Commandery & St. Pauls R. A. Chapter.

An official communication was received from R. E. Sir Henry
W. Rugg G. C. of the G. C. of Mass, and Rhode Island dated
Providence April 23 1877, granting a dispensation for Boston
Commandery to make a public parade on Monday June 25th 1877
for the purpose of celebrating St John's day.
the communication was ordered on file.

Receipts since last Conclave.

For the Orders	100 00
" Membership	100 00
" Quartermasters	75 00
" Diplomas	2 00

Total \$277.00.

At 9 o'clock & 10 minutes the Council was closed.
Attest

Sig'd J. M. Gleason
Master of Dispatches Pro Tem

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening June 20th 1877.

Opened a Commandery
of Knights Templars in due form at Six
and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr. E. C. Presiding.

— Officers Present —

Sir. J. H. Thomas Jr.	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Capt. General.
" Rev. John P. Bland	Prelate.
" J. Francis Lotts	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White	Treasurer.
" William Ellison	Recorder.
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Edward J. Nichols	Sword Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warder.
" Joseph Williams	3 ^d Guard.
" William J. Stevens	1st do.
" Eugene H. Richards	1st Assistant do.
" James M. Gleason	2 ^d do. do.
" William A. Buntou	3 ^d do. do.
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Bryer	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Nourse	Sentinel.

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The Records of the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made thereto, they were declared approved.

— Reports of Investigating Committees —

— The Committee to whom was referred the propositions of —

Sirs,

Edward C. Boyden,

Benjamin P. Cunningham,

for Memberships in Boston Commandery Severally reported, and upon a ballot being ordered they were declared Elected.

— The Committee to whom was recommitted the subject matter of a celebration by Boston Commandery of Saint John's Day on Monday June 25th. next, reported through their Chairman Sir Eugene H. Richards, that the purchase of the requisite number of tickets not having been assured at the date specified (May 28th.) your Committee recommend that the celebration be indefinitely postponed.

— On motion it was voted: that the report be accepted, and the recommendation adopted.

— The Committee to whom was recommitted so much of their report made at the March Conclave as referred to a reduction in Rent, reported through their Chairman Sir John L. Stevenson, that they had attended to their duty and submitted the following letter as the result of their labors,

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Masonic Temple Boston April 27. 1877.

John L. Stevenson Esq.

Chairman of Committee of Boston Commandery,

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Dear Sir and Bro.

I am directed by the Board of Directors to inform you, that at the meeting on Wednesday last, it was voted by the Board to reduce the rent of Boston Commandery in this building, for the year beginning April 1. 1877, two hundred dollars; and to say that the Board would gladly have made a further reduction if they could have deemed it in their power to do so in view of the financial responsibilities resting upon them.

Most truly and fraternally yours,
Charles H. Bitus.

Clerk.

— On motion of Sir Capt. General the report was accepted.

— Committee on nominations —

— On motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple it was voted: that the Eminent Commander be requested to appoint a Committee of nine to nominate Officers for the ensuing year; and that said Committee be directed to notify the Recorder of the names so nominated, that they may be borne upon the notices for the October Conclave.

— The Eminent Commander appointed the following Knights to constitute that Committee,
Sirs

— Thomas F. Temple —	— Wm. S. Lathrop —
— Albert J. Whiting —	— E. A. Rodleigh —
— Charles H. Crosby —	— H. N. Sawyer —
— George D. Dodd —	— Wm. C. Altman —
— William H. Maine. —	

— On motion it was voted: that when we close this evening the Commandery

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take a recess until the Regular Conclave on the third Wednesday in October next.

Sirs

— Rufus Holman —
— Leonard P. Marvin —

Were created and dubbed Knights
Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the
of the Temple,

Knights Templars.

The Order of Malta was then
conferred upon the above named Knights, and they
were declared duly invested with the.

Orders of Knighthood.

Written application
having been made by the above named Knights for
Membership in Boston Commandery, by order of the Em.
Commander their propositions were referred to the same
Committees who had their applications for the Orders in charge.

Sir John G. Stewart Jr. made written appli-
cation for Membership in Boston Commandery and by order of
the Em. Commander his application was referred to the following
Committee,

Sirs Henry A. Fay — H. M. Sawyer and J. M. Wyham.

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Visitation of Past Eminent Com^d Dame.

During the evening there
occurred a scene of rare and tender impressiveness, such as
could happen in but few, if any, of our Sister Commanderies:—
this was the formal reception by Boston Commandery of one
who forty nine years ago was its presiding officer, its venerable
Past Commander.

— Eminent Sir Abraham Annis Dame —

Sir Knight
Dame who is now eighty five years of age attended our Conclave
at the special request of our Eminent Commander, and on the
announcement of his arrival the Em. Commander ordered the
lines to be formed, and appointed the following.

— Past Eminent Commanders.

Sirs. William Ellison

John K. Hall

Wyreman Marshall

Charles Edward Bowers

and William Bayward.

a Committee to escort him into the Asylum.

On entering
and being escorted to the East, the Sir Knights that were not in
line rose to their feet and all joined in singing "Should old
acquaintance be forgot" with fine effect.

On arriving at the East, our truly patriarchal Eminent Past
Commander, was with kind words appropriately welcomed by our
Eminent Commander, to which Past Commander Dame made a
very touching and fitting response.

After witnessing a portion
of the work, the lines were again formed and Eminent Past

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Commander Dame was escorted from the Asylum. —
 The sight of that Venerable father and
 most earnest laborer in Templar Masonry, his tall and now
 feeble form, his eyes, face and his long silvery locks as he
 passed through our lines, possibly for the last time, can never
 be forgotten.

At 9 o'clock and 20 minutes the Commandery was
 closed in due form.

Memor. Em^t. Sir William Ellison our Recorder died
 before completing the above record, and it has been written
 up by memorandums left by him, and from memory by,

J. H. Thomas Jr. Generalissimo.

Special Assembly.

A Special Assembly of Boston
 Commandery was held in Sutton Hall, Masonic
 Temple on Thursday Evening August 23^d 1877.

Present:

Sir Samuel Mason Jr.	Em. Commander <u>Presiding.</u>
" J. H. Thomas Jr.	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Captain General
" J. Francis Scotts	Senior Warden
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden
" Caleb Bowker	Standard Bearer.
" Alex. K. Bryer ^{acting}	Warder.
" Francis Deane	Second Guard
" Eugene H. Richards	Third Ass. Guard
" Benj. F. Nourse	Sentinel.
<u>and about sixty Sir Knights.</u>	

Opened a Commandery
 in due form at 7 1/2 o'clock.

The Eminent Commander
 announced the death of Sir Samuel Pepson, and
 appointed as a Committee to draft suitable resolutions,
 Sir A. K. Bryer, Sir Jabez F. Hewes & Sir Benj. F. Nourse.

The
 Eminent Commander also announced that Eminent
Sir William Ellison a Past Commander of this
 Commandery, and our beloved Recorder had passed

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Aug. 23 away at between the hours of three and four o'clock this afternoon, alluding to his decease in fitting terms and appointing the following Committee to prepare a suitable tribute to his memory,

Eminent Sir's,

Wyeeman Marshall

Charles Edward Powers

William Dayward.

The Eminent Commander stated that the purpose for which this meeting was called, was to consider the expediency of joining in the parade at the dedication of the Army and Navy Monument by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge on Boston Common Sept. 17th. next, and to take such action relative thereto as may be necessary.

The following Circular having been received was read,

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
and Appendant Orders,

of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Office of R.E. Grand Commander.

Providence R.I. August 16, 1877.

To all the Subordinate Commanderies within our jurisdiction,

Greeting,

Whereas, the M.W.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has accepted an invitation to dedicate, with Masonic service, the Army and Navy Monument in the City of Boston, on Monday, September 17th; and whereas the Committee of Arrangements on the part of the Civic Authorities have also invited this Grand Commandery to participate in the

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Ceremonies, and to furnish to the Grand Lodge a Templar Escort, which invitation has been by me accepted.

It is hereby announced that the Grand Officers of this Grand Commandery will attend on that occasion, with such Subordinate Commanderies of our jurisdiction as may find it convenient to join in the proposed escort, and may elect so to do. The Commanderies that may decide to appear will signify such intention at the Office of the Grand Recorder, 223 Washington Street, on or before September 5th.

Commanderies will appear in full Templar costume, and will report to E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Grand Generalissimo, who will have command of the lines.

Henry W. Rugg

Attest,

Alfred F. Chapman

Grand Recorder.

Upon inquiry by Sirs Jm. J. Smith and Albert J. Whiting in regard to the state of the Finances of Boston Commandery, the Emt. Commander gave a full and explicit statement showing that the Commandery was not in a financial condition to meet the expenses of a parade.

Sir J. H. Ashton moved that an assessment be levied upon the members to cover the expense of the parade.

The Emt. Commander ruled the motion out of order, as agreeably to the By-Laws no assessment can be made except at a stated assembly, nor unless a notice of the proposed assessment shall be inserted in the notifications for said assembly.

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Aug. 23. Stated that in Consideration of the state of the finances he would become responsible and advance a sum to defray the expenses not to exceed Five hundred dollars, trusting to the Honor of the Commandery to reimburse him.

He then read a copy of a private letter which he had addressed to the Committee of Arrangements of the Army and Navy Monument dedication, and stated that he had received a verbal reply, that a Band of Music would be furnished to Boston Commandery, the expense to the City not to exceed \$150.

After some discussion it was moved, that Boston Commandery parade on the 17th. of September next, subject to the orders of the Grand Commandery. The Subject was thoroughly discussed by the Sir Knights both for and against, and by standing vote the motion was adopted. 11 in favor and 9 opposed.

On motion of Sir Alex. H. Bryer it was voted: that the whole matter of Parade be referred to a committee of fifteen, twelve to be appointed from the rank and file, and that the Council be added thereto, to make all necessary arrangements.

The Eminent Commander appointed to serve on that Committee

Sirs,

Albert J. Whiting

Thomas D. Temple

J. Francis Ellis

John L. Stevenson

Eugene H. Richards

John H. North

Charles J. Hayarn

R. W. Shattuck

William Hayward

Amasa Whiting

Joshua B. Sampson

James B. Shinnery

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Sir Eugene H. Richards tendered the use of the Hall N. 7 Green St. as a Drill room for Boston Commandery preparatory to the parade, and on motion it was voted: that his generous offer be accepted, and Wednesday evenings Aug 29 Sept 5 and 12th. were selected as the nights for drill.

On motion it was voted: that notifications of drill be inserted in the Journal, Traveller and Herald.

On motion of Sir Temple it was voted: that the Committee on parade be authorized to extend courtesies to visiting Sir Knights.

At 9 1/2 o'clock the Commandery was closed in form.

attest:— J. H. Thomas Jr.

Recorder pro tem.

Companion Richard Bradford was proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, by Sir H. Alric Davis.

The application was referred to the following Committee, Sirs Eugene H. Richards, Wm. A. Bunton, and Wm. L. Lathrop.

Dedication of the Army and Navy Monument

September 17. 1877.

Armory of Boston Commandery.
Sept. 17. 1877.

Pursuant to orders from the Eminent Commander, Boston Commandery accompanied by Carter's Full Band, (Dir. S. B. Carter Leader), took its departure from Masonic Temple at 9^{3/4} A. M. with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts under escort, and proceeding to Arlington Street where the several Commanderies who were to participate in the parade were drawn up in line marched passed them in review, and took their position at the rear of the Commanderies, having been assigned by the Grand Generalissimo to special duty as Guard of Honor to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Roster of Boston Commandery.

Eminent Commander.....	Sir Samuel Mason Jr.
Generalissimo - - - - -	" J. H. Thomas Jr.
Captain General - - - - -	" James H. Upham.
Prelate - - - - -	Rev. John B. Bland.
Senior Warden - - - - -	" J. Francis Scotts { acting as Adjutant.
Captain of 1st Company.....	Sir Wm ^d H. Maine.
" " 2 ^d " - - - - -	" Eugene H. Richards.

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Captain of 3^d Company ----- Sir William C. Ulman.
 " " 4th " ----- " Henry N. Sawyer.
 " " 5th " ----- " Alex. K. Boyer.
 " " 6th " ----- " Hymen A. Davis.
 " " 7th " ----- " Benj. F. Smith.
 " " 8th " ----- " J. S. Risteem.
 " " 9th " ----- " Wm. H. Pattee.
 Aid to Eminent Commander ----- " Wm. A. Bunker.

After a lengthy march and escorting the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to the Common, where the dedicatory services took place, they were excused, and taking the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the Saint John's Commandery of Providence R. I. as guests under escort, they marched to Odd Fellows Hall arriving there at about 5.30 P.M., marching in to the Hall they took seats at the tables and spent an hour in the enjoyment of a very excellent Collation, at the conclusion of which, the Eminent Commander addressed them briefly in a complimentary manner and introduced the,

Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Sir Rev. Henry W. Rugg, who spoke of the excellent bearing of the two Commanderies present during the parade, and of the honorable record of Boston Commandery in the history of Templar Masonry.

Brief, but interesting and eloquent speeches were made by Sir Benjamin Dean the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Sir Stephen R. Bircom, Past Provincial Prior, Great Priory Canada.

Sir James Hutchison Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Sir George H. Burnham the Eminent Commander of Saint John's

Commandery.

Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Sir Curtis Guild, of the Boston Commandery.

Sir James Wilson, of the Saint John's Commandery, and

Sir the Rev. John P. Bland, Prelate of Boston Commandery.

At seven o'clock the very pleasant entertainment was closed by all joining in singing of "Auld Lang Syne" accompanied by the Bands.

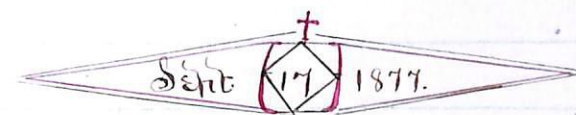
Subsequently the lines were formed and escorting our guests to the Providence Depot, bade them "God Speed", feeling assured that the occasion had served to add another bright link to those bonds of knightly friendship and courtesy that unite two of the oldest Commanderies on this Continent.

The march was then resumed, and arriving at the Armory the Eminent Commander after a few complimentary and pleasant words to the Officers and members, dismissed the Command.

attest:

J. H. Thomas Jr.

Recorder, pro tem.



Seventy Second Annual Conclave.

Wednesday Evening October 17th. 1877.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templars in due form at seven o'clock P.M.

Eminent Commander Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr.	Generalissimo.
" James H. Upham	Captain General.
" Rev. John P. Bland	Orator.
" J. Francis Scotts	Senior Warden.
" John L. Stevenson	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White	Treasurer.
" J. H. Thomas Jr.	Recorder pro tem.
" Caleb Crocker	Standard Bearer.
" Edward J. Nichols	Sword Bearer.
" Edwin Wright	Warden.
" William J. Stevens	First Guard.
" Francis Doane	Second Guard.
" Joseph Williams	Third Guard.
" Eugene H. Richards	First Asst. Guard.
" James M. Gleason	Second Asst. Guard.
" William A. Bunton	Third Asst. Guard.
" John B. Rhodes	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Bryer	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Morse	Sentinel.

The records of the June Conclave - the Special Assembly of August 23^d and the record of the Parade September 17th. were read and declared approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Comp. Richard Bradford for the Orders of Knighthood, reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and he was declared Rejected.

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of,

Sirs Rufus Holman,

Leonard P. Marvin

and John W. Stewart Jr.

for Membership in Boston Commandery, severally reported, and upon ballot being taken upon each application they were declared Elect.

The Committee appointed to draft Resolutions on the death of Sir Samuel Jepson, made the following Report,

Boston Commandery Oct. 17. 1877.

Sir Knight Samuel Jepson was born in Boston in November 1808. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship to learn the House Carpenter and Joiners Trade, which business he followed as journeyman and Master builder until 1863. when he sold out his business and enlisted

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Oct. 17 in the 47th. Regiment, it being raised for nine months service, Col. Marsh took Command of the Regiment, and it was ordered to New Orleans. Sir Knight Jepson served with the Regiment as non-Commissioned Officer in New Orleans and other places on the Mississippi River, and returned with the Regiment to Boston at the expiration of their term of service.

After the close of the war Sir Knight Jepson's business was an Architect, so long as he was able to perform any labor.

Sir Knight Jepson was raised to the Sublime degree of M. M. in Mount Lebanon Lodge May 12th. 1850, he was Exalted in St. Pauls P. A. Chapter February 21st. 1851, he received the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple in Boston Commandery Jan'y 13th. 1854, he received the Royal Select and Super Excellent degrees in Boston Council in 1857.

He received all the degrees in the A. & A. Scottish Rite to the 32^d in Nassau Hall in 1867, and was an active member of all these Masonic bodies until sickness deprived him of attending the meetings.

Whereas: Sir Knight Samuel Jepson has been removed from our circle of Knightly fellowship by death, but not until he had reached a mature and ripened age, not until he had proved himself a faithful Soldier of the nation, a sacrificing patriot, a good Citizen, a kind friend, a faithful parent, a devoted husband, and a loyal Sir Knight. — therefore, —

Resolved: That while we shall miss his cheerful presence and faithful example among us, and shall deeply feel the pain of ruptured friendship, we are sincerely thankful to Almighty God, for his constant mercy both in preserving him so long to our Society, and in the kind manner of his being taken from us.

Resolved: That our warmest sympathies are hereby tendered to his Widow and family in their bereavement, and that we shall share with them in all the consolation that may flow from his noble and well spent life.

Resolved: That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Family of Sir Knight Jepson.

Signed { Alex. K. Bryer
Jabez F. Heves.
Benj. F. Nourse

On motion it was voted: — That the report be accepted, spread upon the records, and a copy of the Resolutions sent to the family of the deceased.

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable tribute to the memory of Past Eminent Commander Sir William Ellison offer the following.

Boston Commandery.
October 17. 1877.

In Memoriam.

The bugle note of Death again has sounded and another honored Sir Knight has gone to his rest.

Sir William Ellison Past Em^t Commander of Boston Commandery, was born at Philadelphia Pa. on the 22^d of September 1811, and departed this life Aug 23^d 1877 at his

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Oct. 17 residence on Cottage Street, Boston Highlands, at 4 o'clock P.M. surrounded by his family and friends; aged 66 years 11 months and one day. He leaves a widow and one son, to whom we

extend our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

Eminent Sir William Ellison came to this city with his parents at an early age - was educated in our schools and has been a resident of Boston or vicinity nearly all his life.

In early life he was engaged in manufacturing and later in leather business, but retired from mercantile pursuits over twenty years previous to his death. He has however, since retiring filled several positions of trust, such as Treasurer of various firms and institutions.

He was at one time somewhat connected with politics, having been President of the Common Council of the City of Roxbury in 1855, and a Candidate for Mayor of that city a year or two later.

Sir William Ellison was made a Master Mason in Columbian Lodge May 21st 1846, subsequently he became a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge and continued a contributing member thereof more than twenty years.

He was elected Senior Warden of that Lodge for an unexpired term, but declined further promotion on account of being absent two years from the State.

He was Exalted to the Sublime degree of R. A. Mason in St. Paul's Chapter in February 1851, and was admitted to membership on the 21st of October following.

He was appointed Principal Sojourner and in 1852 was elected Scribe. He received a unanimous vote in 1853 for the office of E. King: absence from the State obliged him to withdraw from further service at that time.

In 1862 he was again elected E. King but resigned in 1863 he

having become connected with the Commissariat of the Army of the Potomac.

While with the Army he obtained from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia a Warrant or Dispensation, and with other members of the order, established an Army Lodge for the purpose of work while in winter quarters.

The "Lodge of the Union" was opened for the first time February 29th 1864, when Sir William Ellison was elected Worshipful Master.

In 1875 he was elected and installed M. E. W. Priest of Saint Paul's Chapter of Boston.

He was created and dubbed Knight Templar in Boston Commandery May 21st 1851, admitted to membership October 15th Same year, and on the same evening was elected Junior Warden, holding that office during six years. He was elected Eminent Commander in 1857, and presided with grace, ease and remarkable ability for four years.

At the time of his death he was Recorder of Boston Commandery, discharging the important duties incumbent upon that office with integrity and fidelity meriting the approval of every member.

Sir William Ellison served the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as V. E. Deputy Grand Commander during 1860-61 and was elected in 1862, R. E. Grand Commander of that Grand Body.

He assisted in establishing La Fayette Grand Lodge of Perfection, Giles F. Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Georgas Chapter of Rose Croix, and Dr. Will Clinton Consistory, all under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council

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for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. He was appointed by Letters Patent from the Supreme Council on the 21st of November 1862 a Deputy Inspector General of the 33^d and last degree of the A. and A. Rite, and Representative of Massachusetts.

In addition to the foregoing Sir William Ellison, was for many years connected with the Order of Odd Fellows. He was admitted to membership in Massachusetts Lodge of Odd Fellows in 1846 - and in Massachusetts Encampment in 1845. - He was Grand Sir of that order for the United States in 1855, being the only person from New England ever honored by an election to that high position.

He was interred at Forest Hills Cemetery August 26, 1877, with Masonic honors. - Boston Commandery of Knights Templars took charge of the funeral - performed the services at the church on Dudley Street, Boston Highlands, and also at the grave; where the ceremony was conducted according to our ancient usage, in presence of large delegations of the Brotherhood from the several orders to which he belonged, and he was laid quietly and peacefully at rest.

Eminent Sir William Ellison was devoted to our institutions, a true friend, and genial man, Conservative in his views, a ready debater and an eloquent speaker. - He was usually present at our meetings, and always ready to fill any position which might tend to advance the interest or add to the glory of our Rite.

Outside of his connection with the different Orders of which he was a member, he most enjoyed the calm quiet of domestic life.

How sad the heart,

how moist the eye, as we place upon memorial record, one by one, the names of Valiant Knights whose lives have been made useful to our loved institutions, and who now will be seen no more among us.

"How must a spirit, late escaped from Earth
The truth of things new, blazing in his eye,
Look back astonished, on the ways of men,
'Those lives' whole drift is to forget their graves:"

Respectfully Submitted,
Wyseman Marshall }
Charles Edward Powers } Committee

On motion it was Voted: That the memorial be accepted, spread upon the record, and a copy forwarded to the family of our late Past Eminent Commander.

The following order was received and read,

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
and Appendant Orders,
of Massachusetts & Rhode Island.
Office of R. E. Grand Commander,
Providence R. I. Sept. 7, 1877.

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery,
and to the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction,

Greeting:

Sir William Ellison, who was Deputy Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery in 1862 finished his earthly

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Oct. 17 Course at his residence in Boston, on Thursday, the 23^d ultimo, and was buried with Knightly honors on the following Sunday.

He was a zealous and prominent member of our Order, whose interest in Templarism never flagged; to him the tribute of respect and remembrance is justly due.

It is therefore ordered that the Jewels and Swords of the Officers of the Grand Commandery be draped in mourning for the next sixty days.

It is further ordered that this Order be read at the head of each Commandery at the next Regular Assembly, and be entered in its records.

Henry W. Rugg.
Grand Commander.

Attest,

Alfred F. Chapman
Grand Recorder.

The following Communication was received and read,

Boston October 1. 1877.

To the Officers and Members,
of Boston Commandery K.T.

Gentlemen,

Please accept the accompanying Portrait of my deceased husband, your Past Commander and late Recorder, as a token of my warm appreciation of your kindness to him and myself.

Yours affectionately
Mrs. William Ellison.

On motion of Sir Captain General it was Voted: That the present be accepted and the thanks of Boston Commandery be tendered to the donor.

In accordance with the above vote the Recorder forwarded the following letter.

Boston Commandery

October 20. 1877.

Mrs. William Ellison,

My Dear Madam,

Your Kind Communication of 1st. inst. accompanying the Portrait of your deceased husband, our Past Eminent Commander, and late Recorder was duly received, the letter read at our last assembly, and the gift received and accepted with much pleasure and satisfaction, and on motion it was Voted: That the thanks of Boston Commandery be tendered to Mrs. Ellison for her thoughtful remembrance of Boston Commandery, an institution that had honored her husband to the extent of its abilities and he in return had honored Boston Commandery in every position he had been placed by its members.

I have the honor to enclose a tribute of respect to the memory of your husband, a copy of which is transcribed upon our records.

Very respectfully, and cautiously yours,

J. H. Thomas Jr.

Recorder.

The Committee, Consisting of the Council, to whom was referred the matter of procuring a tablet to be placed at the grave of Sir William J. Murray reported as follows,

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Boston October 17. 1877.

To the Members of
Boston Commandery K.S.

Your Council to whom at the meeting April 18th. last was referred the Communication enclosing one hundred dollars from Worshipful Bro. F. M. Nelson of South Memphis Lodge No. 118, Companion Benj. K. Pullen R. P. of Memphis R. A. Chapter, and Sir Robert C. Williamson Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 4. Memphis Tenn.,

Respectfully report,

They have caused to be erected at the grave of Sir Wm. J. Murray in Mount Hope Cemetery a marble Tablet measuring 3 feet 4 inches high by 1 foot 10 inches wide and 5 inches thick, standing on Plinth 5 inches high by 2 feet 2 inches wide and 9 inches thick, and Base 10 inches high 2 feet 7 inches long and 1 foot 2 inches thick.

The Tablet and Plinth are of very fine Italian Marble, the Base of blue Marble. On the Tablet above the record of the birth and death of Sir Wm. J. Murray is, in Bas-relief a Maltese cross, a Key Stone, Square and compasses and letter G., under the record is inscribed,

"Erected by his Masonic brothers of Memphis Tenn." under which inscription are two hands joined in Bas-relief, under which are the words Cyrene, — Boston.

The monument was made by Sir W. H. Daine of our Commandery and is very elegantly done. The monument with its foundation of stone four feet deep laid in Cement mortar was furnished and set complete for the sum of one hundred dollars.

A letter, a copy of which is herewith presented, enclosing photographic copies of the monument, has been mailed to Bro. Nelson,

Pullen and Williamson, one each for their Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

We hope we have performed the duty assigned us to your satisfaction, and also to that of our Memphis brothers

Samuel Mason Jr. E. C. }
J. H. Thomas Jr. Gen. }
J. B. Upham C. C. } Council of
Boston Commandery

Sir Capt. Genl. then read the following letter, a copy of which was forwarded to our fraters in Memphis Tenn.

Boston September 24th. 1877.

To F. M. Nelson, Benj. K. Pullen,

and Robert C. Williamson,

Memphis Tenn.

Dear Brothers & Fraters,

Enclosed please find three photographs of the Tablet erected by the Council of Boston Commandery K. S. at the grave of Sir Wm. J. Murray, at Mount Hope Cemetery, in accordance with your request contained in your Communication of 31st March last.

We hope the Tablet will meet your approval. It is of the finest Italian marble, and of exquisite workmanship, by Sir W. H. Daine of our Commandery.

In executing the trust we have had the satisfaction of feeling we were performing a duty to the dead, and an act of kind remembrance for our Brothers of Memphis.

Past Eminent Sir William Ellison for some years past, Recorder of our Commandery has been sick, and died Aug. 23^d last, which is the reason of your not being earlier informed of our doings.

For the Council of Boston Commandery K. S.

James H. Upham, Capt. Genl.

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Oct. 17. On motion it was voted:- That the report be accepted. —

The following Communication was received
and read, —

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts —

Office of the Grand Master. —

Masonic Temple, Boston Sept. 26. 1877. —

Samuel Mason Jr. Esq. —

Emt. Commander of Boston Commandery. —

Dear Sir, —

Will you please accept
and convey to the Officers, and members of Boston Commandery
my profound thanks for the special service performed "as guard
of honor," to the Grand Lodge, on the occasion of the consecration of
the Soldiers and Sailors monument in this city on the 17th. inst.

Without disparaging any other Commandery of Knights
Templars, I think it is not out of place for me to say here, that
I feel proud of the record of Boston Commandery, especially for
her noble work during the dark days of anti-masonry.

That she may continue in prosperity, harmony and
peace, is the earnest prayer of, —

Yours truly and fraternally, —

Percival Lowell Everett. —

Grand Master. —

On motion it was voted: That the Communication be accepted
and spread upon the records. —

Sir Benj. A. Hersey in a few remarks
alluded to the wants and wishes of the daughter of our late
Sir Richard M. Barker, and that she might be enabled to
support herself. She desired a sewing machine to assist

her in the vocation of dress-making. —
On motion of Sir Thomas F. Temple it was voted: That Sir
Edward A. While our Treasurer, present the box to the Sir
Knights for their contributions. Sir Knight Treasurer
attended to that duty, and reported, that the amount
collected was 38.12, which sum was duly handed to
Sir Hersey. —

Sir Mason W. Morse Jr. made
application for an honorable discharge from member-
ship in Boston Commandery. His request was
granted. —

Report of Finance Committee. —

The
Eminent Commander as Chairman of the Committee
on Finance made the following report, —

Boston October 17. 1877. —

The Committee on Finance have attended to their duty, and
respectfully submit the following, —

Report. —

They have examined
the Books of the Treasurer and Recorder, and find that they
have been properly and accurately kept. Proper vouchers for
all of the disbursements are on file. —

The Recorder has received during the year
from various sources as follows, —

From Quarterages \$ 2098.75

" Fees for the orders 500.00

" " " Membership 325.00

amount carried over \$ 2,923.75

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Amount brought over	\$ 2923.75
From Sale of Drawers in Armory	28.00
" Life Memberships	200.00
" Sale of Diplomas	16.00
Total amount	<u>\$ 3167.75</u>

all of which has been paid into the Treasury in strict compliance with the By-Laws which require monthly payments.

The Treasurer's receipts have been as follows,

Received from the Recorder	\$ 3167.75
do. Interest on Treasurers acct	14.33
do. do. from Trustees of Perm ^t fund	655.01
	<u>\$ 3837.09</u>

He has paid as follows,

Rent, Gas nd and Superintendents Fees. ^{to Apr. 1/77}	1162.17
Collations and Ceremonials	642.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	243.40
Insurance, on Regalias and Paraphernalia	250.00
Grand Commandery Dues	72.75
Charity	87.57
Funerals	138.00
Recorders Salary	200.00
Armorer's do.	145.00
Sentinel's do.	45.00
Organist	40.00
Collecting Dues	127.00
Repairing Swords	8.65
Cleaning Armory (including 4 life memberships 200.)	15.00
Permanent Fund 1/10 Receipts in full to date	<u>558.63</u>

Total Expenditures 3735.17

leaving a balance in the Treasury of 101.92

\$ 3837.09

The total amount of the indebtedness of Boston Commandery is \$665.36 all of which is due to the Grand Lodge for Rent, Gas and Sup^t fees.
Cash on hand to pay the same 101.92
leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$ 563.44

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the "Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Boston Commandery" and find them correct.

The balance on hand as per report of Oct. 1876	\$ 2,200.24
Received on M. Bargeman mortgage note (principal)	500.00
do. for four Life Memberships	200.00
do. Interest from sundry parties	655.01
do. from Treasurer of Boston Commandery	
10 per cent of gross receipts and in full to date	<u>358.63</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3913.88</u>

There disbursements have been as follows,

Paid into the Treasury of Boston Commandery the income of the fund for the past year amounting to	655.01
Invested in Mortgage, Real Estate in Dorchester 6%	3000.00
Balance of cash on hand in Maverick Nat. Bank	<u>258.87</u>
	<u>\$ 3,913.88</u>

The total of the Permanent Fund is now,	
Cash on hand in Bank as above	258.87
One note and mortgage on Real Estate in Boston 7%	4500.00
" " " " " " " " " "	3500.00
" " " " " " " " " "	Dorchester 6% 3000.00
Total amt of Perm ^t Fund.	<u>\$ 11,258.87</u>

The property of the Commandery consisting of Regalia &c. is insured for Twenty five thousand dollars = \$25,000.00

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During the past year Nine Candidates have been accepted, all of whom have received the Orders of the Red Cross, Templar, and Malta.

Companion John H. Flagler is entitled to all the orders, conferred in Boston Commandery. Nine Sir Knights have been elected to Membership the past year.

The whole number of members last year 554
admitted this year 15
making 569

Discharged for non-payment of dues 8
Honorably discharged 14
Died 8 20

Present number of members 549
of whom Twelve are Honorary, and One hundred and two are life members. Nine are exempt from Quaterages, leaving Four hundred and twenty six paying members.

For reasons deemed satisfactory to your Committee they have remitted the dues of three (3) Sir Knights whose names have been given to the Recorder in accordance with the By-Laws.

Wm K. Jones 10.00
Wm B. May 5.00
C. W. Phillips 15.00
30.00

The following Knights have died during the past year,

Sirs	
Henry J. Bacon.	Lewis Rice.
Daniel Richerby.	Calvin Ames.
George L. Barr.	Daniel Jepson.
Eben D. Jones.	William Ellison.

The amount of Quaterages due one year ago still unpaid \$ 200.00
" " " " the past year now due 2085.00
Total due \$ 2285.00

In view of the present state of the Finances your Committee would recommend an advance in the rate of Quaterages, in order to meet current expenses.

The Committee have directed the Recorder to notify all delinquents in accordance with Article 1x Section VIII of the By-Laws which will be enforced in all cases of two years standing.

All of which is Courteously Submitted.

Committee on Finance. { Samuel Mason Jr. E. C.
J. H. Thomas Jr. Genl.
James H. Upham. C. S.

Report of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

Boston October 16. 1877.

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Boston Commandery respectfully submit the following Report.

Balance of Cash on hand October 16. 1876 \$ 2200.24
Received from M. Bargeman &c. Principal 500.00
do for Four Life Memberships 200.00
Amount received from Treas. of Boston Commandery }
in full of 10% of gross receipts to date 358.63
Interest received on M. Bargeman note & mortgage 260.00
" " " E. J. & R. A. Dooley " 315.00
" " " Maverick Bank 80.01
\$ 3913.88

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Oct. 17. Invested in note and mortgage J. P. Scadding \$ 3000.00
 Cash paid Treas. of Boston Commandery, being }
 gross income on the fund to date } 655.01
 Balance cash on hand 258.87
\$ 3,913.88

Investments

Note & mortgage of E. J. R. A. Doney 7% \$ 4,500.00
 do. do. M. Bargeman 6% 3,500.00
 do. do. Jas. P. Scadding 6% 3,000.00
 Cash on hand 258.87
Total. \$ 11,258.87

Signed -

Samuel Mason Jr. —

Edward A. White —

Chas. J. Hayden —

Daniel W. Lawrence —

Trustees of Perm. Fund.

Armorer's Report.

Boston Commandery

October 17, 1877.

Property of Boston Commandery in care of the Armorer.

1 Comd. Commanders Jewel and Case — 1 Charter and case — 1 Savel. —
 1 Temple Banner, Staff and Belt — 1 Red cross Banner, Staff and belt. —
 1 Black Walnut Banner Case. — 1 Sovereign Masters Robe and Crown. —
 1 Silk Cassock for Prelate — 1 Linnen Cassock for Prelate. —
 1 Crook — 1 Mitre — 1 Chapeau — 1 Dash and Apron all for Prelate. —
 3 Dress Swords and Belts for Officers of Council —
 3 Templars Dashes and Aprons — 3 Red cross Dashes and Aprons. —
 18 Jewels for Officers of Commandery — 1 Black Walnut Case for Jewels. —
 24 Red cross Spears — 2 Guidons — 1 Mirror — 1 Clock — 3 Chandeliers —

2 Ballot Boxes — 1 Bound Copy of Scripture Lessons — 2 Candidates Robes.
 13 Glass goblets and Pitcher for Triangle — 12 Silver Candlesticks do.
 1 Extinguisher and Tray — 1 Triangle Hair Cloth Cushion — 1 Trumpet —
 1 Feather duster — 1 Hair Brush — 6 Spilltoms — 1 Banner Box — 1 Dagger —
 3 Silver Goblets — 3 Plates and Case for Guards — 12 Royal Arch, and
 40 White Aprons — 12 Messengers Badges — 1 Candle stick for Prelate. —
 1 Candle stick for Candidate — 2 Bibles — 2 Squares and Compasses —
 1 Large Chest — 5 Battle Swords — 1 Slight stand for Prelate —
 4 Doz. Wine glasses for Banquet Table — 1 Doz. Glass Decanters, —
 1 1/2 Doz. Glass Tumblers — 3 Sapes — 1 Table cloth — 2 Baskets — 1 Tunnel
 1 Cork screw — 1/2 Doz. Travels — 385 Copies of By-Laws — 10 set Shoulder
 Straps for Officers — 1 Velvet Covering for Triangle — 1 Pall for Coffin, —
 1 Transparency — 1 set Relics — 1 Banner stand —

Property owned in Common with DeMolay & St. Bernard.

1 Triangle — 1 Coffin — 11 Candidates Swords & Belts. —
 3 Small Tables for Guards — 1 Wash stand and Bowl. —
 9 Green Dashes — 2 Captives Chains — 2 Pilgrims Stags —
 1 Drinking Cup used at Triangle. —

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. Bryer, Armorer.

On motion it was Voted: That the several reports be accepted,
 recorded, and placed on file.

On motion of
 E. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence it was Voted: That the recom-
 mendation of the Finance Committee in regard to the advance
 in the rate of annual dues be referred to a Committee.

The Comd. Commander appointed,

Sirs. John H. North,
 E. A. Wadleigh, Charles A. Burditt, J. B. Conner, and
 Charles W. Romney, to serve on that Committee.

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The list of delinquent Members was read by the Recorder, as required by Article IV. Section VII of the By-Laws.

Report of Committee on nomination of Officers.

Boston October 8. 1877.

Eminent Commander,

Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Committee for nominating Officers of Boston Commandery, for the year ensuing, Sir Knight J. H. Thomas Jr. declining to have his name used for Eminent Commander the following Sir Knights were nominated for Officers, to be balloted for at the Regular Conclave, October 17. 1877.

For Eminent Commander,	Sir James H. Upham, Boston.
" Generalissimo,	" J. Francis Scotts, do.
" Captain General,	" John S. Stevenson, do.
" Prelate,	" Rev. John P. Bland, Cambridge
" Senior Warden,	" William J. Stevens, Kingstons.
" Junior Warden,	" Eugene H. Richards, Boston.
" Treasurer,	" Edward A. White, do.
" Recorder,	" J. H. Thomas Jr., Cambridge.
" Trustee for Three years.	" Charles J. Hayden, Boston.

Yours fraternally,

Thomas F. Temple

Charles H. Crosby

George D. Dodd.

William S. Lathrop

William C. Ulman

W. H. Maine.

The Commandery proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Eminent Commander appointed the following named Knights or Committees to distribute, collect and count the ballots.

1st Com^t, Em. Sir Wyseman Marshall.

Sir James M. Gleason,

Sir Eugene A. Bolton.

2d Com^t, Sir Charles J. Hayden,

Sir James M. Burgess,

Sir Samuel D. French.

The Committees severally reported the following as the result of the balloting.

For Eminent Commander, whole number of votes 185 necessary to choice 93.

Sir James H. Upham, had 184 and was declared elected.

For Generalissimo, whole number of votes 189 necessary to choice 95.

Sir J. Francis Scotts, had 189 and was declared elected.

For Captain General, whole number of votes 178 necessary to choice 90.

Sir John S. Stevenson, had 177 and was declared elected.

For Prelate, whole number of votes 188 necessary to choice 95.

Sir Rev. John P. Bland, had 186 and was declared elected.

For Senior Warden, whole number of votes 194 necessary to choice 98.

Sir Edwin Wright, had 131 and was declared elected.

For Junior Warden, whole number of votes 181 necessary to choice 91.

Sir Eugene H. Richards, had 165 and was declared elected.

For Treasurer, whole number of votes 213 necessary to choice 107.

Sir Edward A. White, had 208 and was declared elected.

For Recorder, whole number of votes 202 necessary to choice 102.

Sir J. H. Thomas Jr. had 122 and was declared elected.

For Trustee of the Permanent Fund

for Three years, whole number of votes 175 necessary to choice 88.

Sir Charles J. Hayden, had 168 and was declared elected.

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Installation.

The Eminent Commander invited Past Eminent Commander

Sir Wyseman Marshall.

to occupy the East, and perform the Ceremony of installation.

Emt. Sir Marshall upon assuming the East, appointed Sir Edwin Wright to act as marshal and introduce the Eminent Commander elect for obligation and installation.

Sir James H. Upham, was then obligated as Eminent Commander of Boston Commandery for the ensuing year. Upon his induction into the Chair of his office, he proceeded to make the following appointments.

For Standard Bearer,	Sir Caleb Bowker.
" Sword Bearer,	" Joseph Williams.
" Warden,	" John H. Soakin.
" Third Guard,	" James H. Gleason.
" Second Guard,	" William A. Bunton.
" First Guard,	" George W. Bunton.
" First Assistant Guard,	" Joshua F. Sampson.
" Second Assistant Guard,	" Eugene A. Holton.
" Third Assistant Guard,	" Edward Coggins.
" Musical Director,	" John B. Rhodes.
" Armorer,	" Alex. K. Bryer.
" Sentinel,	" Benj. F. Nourse.

At the request of the Em^t Commander, Emt. Sir Wyseman Marshall resumed the Chair, and proceeded to install the remaining elective and appointed.

Officers.

The following were presented, obligated, and duly installed into their respective offices.

Sir Francis Scotts,	Generalissimo.
" John L. Stevenson,	Captain General.
" Rev. John P. Bland,	Prelate.
" Edwin Wright,	Senior Warden.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White,	Treasurer.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.	Recorder.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" John H. Soakin,	Warden.
" James H. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" William A. Bunton,	Second Guard.
" George W. Bunton,	First Guard.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	First Assistant Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	Second Assistant Guard.
" Edward Coggins,	Third Assistant Guard.
" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Bryer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Nourse,	Sentinel.

The marshal, by order of the installing officer made the usual proclamation, and the Officers of Boston Commandery for the ensuing year, were declared duly installed.

Eminent Commander Sir James H. Upham, upon resuming the Chair of his office, tendered the hearty thanks of himself, Associate Officers, and Knights of Boston Commandery

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Oct. 17 to Eminent Sir Wyseman Marshall, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the ceremony of installation.

Sir Eugene H. Richards offered the following motion, which was adopted,

Moved: That the sanction of Boston Commandery be given to the Council, and such members of this Commandery as may join them, to form an association for the purpose of improving themselves in Templar Drill.

Provided: That the Consent of the Right Eminent Grand Commander be first obtained, if necessary, and that this Commandery shall not be held responsible for any expenses incurred in promoting that object.

Eminent Past Commander Mason addressed the Commandery thanking the Officers that had been associated with him for the past two years, for their untiring support and assistance, and remarking upon the pleasant relations now existing between Boston Commandery and the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, especially with our Sister Commandery the De Molay, and to Courtesies extended by that body to the Council of Boston Commandery, whereupon Sir Thomas A. Temple offered a Vote of thanks, which was unanimously adopted, and which were forwarded to De Molay Commandery in the following letter,

Boston Commandery.
October 20. 1877.

To the Eminent Commander,
Officers and Members of
De Molay Commandery K. T.

At the annual Conclave of Boston Commandery held on the 17th. inst. Past Eminent Commander,

Sir Samuel Mason Jr. alluding to the kind feelings now existing between Boston Commandery and the several Commanderies in this jurisdiction, more particularly with that of our Sister Commandery the De Molay, and the interchange of fraternal Courtesies that had occurred with that Command during the two years that he had held the office of Eminent Commander - it was on motion Voted: "That the thanks of Boston Commandery are due, and are hereby tendered to the De Molay Commandery for their invitation to the Council of Boston Commandery to join with them in their annual Crusade, which took place at Ridge Hill Farms on Thursday the 11th. inst., and for the Courtesies and Knightly Hospitalities shown them on that occasion"

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me"

Courteously yours,
J. H. Thomas Jr., Recorder.

On motion of Past Eminent Commander Wyseman Marshall it was by Standing Vote, unanimously Voted: "That the thanks of Boston Commandery be and are hereby tendered to,

Past Eminent Commander Sir Samuel Mason Jr. for the faithful and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office."

On motion of Sir Edward A. White it was Voted: "That a Committee be appointed to procure a Past Commanders Jewel for our retiring Eminent Commander."

The Eminent Commander appointed Sirs Edward A. White, William H. Maine and Eugene H. Richards.

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The following Companions were proposed for the
Orders of Knighthood
in Boston Commandery, and their applications were referred
to the following Committees,

Companion James B. Rice Jr. Proposed by Sir David Wilcox.

Committee, Sirs James M. Gleason, George W. Bunton,^{2nd} Wm. D. Sawin.

Companion Charles A. Libby, Proposed by Sir Ralph W. Shattuck.

Committee, Sirs Edward Sterer, Winslow Peirce,^{2nd} Charles B. Fessenden.

Companion Charles Morton Dakin, Proposed by Sir E. R. Smyth.

Committee Sirs John L. Stevenson, Joseph Williams,^{2nd} Edgar F. Hunt.

At 10 o'clock 45 minutes the Commandery was
closed in due form.

attest:—

G. H. Thomas Jr.

Recorder.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening November 21. 1877.

Opened a Council of
Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at six and one half o'clock.

Eminent Sir James H. Upham, Sov. Master Presiding.

Officers Present.

J. Francis Scotts,	Chancellor.
John L. Stevenson,	Master of the Palace.
Rev. John P. Bland,	Excellent High Priest.
Edwin Wright,	Master of Cavalry.
Eugene H. Richards,	Master of Infantry.
Edward A. White,	Master of Finance.
Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.,	Master of Despatches.
Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
John H. Loakin,	Warder.
James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
William A. Bunton,	Second Guard.
George W. Bunton,	First Guard.
John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
Alex. K. Bryer,	Armorer.
Benj. F. Morse,	Sentinel.
Joshua F. Sampson,	1st. Assistant Guard.
Eugene A. Holton,	2 ^d " "
Edward Coggins,	3 ^d " "

Past Eminent Commanders Present.
Eminent Sir Gilbert Nurse.

Eminent Sir William Sayward.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of
the last Conclave were read, and no objection being made
thereto they were declared approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committee
to whom was referred the applications of
Companion James B. Rice Jr. and
Companion Charles A. Sibby,
to receive the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Command-
ery severally reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered
and they were declared rejected.

The Committee on the
application of Companion Charles Morton Dakin,
asked for further time, and on motion it was voted:
that further time be granted.

The Sovereign Master
announced the death of Sirs Joseph H. Blapp and
William B. May since our last Conclave, and app-
ointed Sirs Edward A. White, William C. Ulman, and
Charles H. Webb a Committee to draft suitable resolu-
tions on the death of Sir Blapp. Sirs Abicah Dyer Jr.,
John B. Rhodes, and Alex. K. Bryer were appointed a
Committee to draft resolutions on the death of Sir
May.

The Committee appointed at the

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last annual Conclave made the following report: —

Boston Nov. 21 st. 1877. —

To the Eminent Commander, —
and Sir Knights of Boston Commandery, —

Your Committee appointed at the Annual Conclave held on the 17th. of October 1877 to take into consideration the recommendation made by the Finance Committee in regard to the advance in the rate of annual dues, have attended to their duty and respectfully submit the following as their report: —

Your Committee have endeavored to give the subject their careful consideration and after examining the Finance reports for the past nine years, they find nothing to warrant an increase in the rate of the annual dues. From the last Financial report it appears the Commandery has a fund of \$11,258.87 and are in debt to the amount of \$563.44. Surely not a very alarming state of affairs. The report concludes thus, "In view of the present state of the finances your Committee would recommend an advance in the rate of quarterages in order to meet current expenses."

We find from the Finance Report of 1869 that the Treasurer had on hand \$581.85 since which time the Commandery have paid all their bills except the \$563.44 due the Grand Lodge, and have increased the \$581.85 to \$11,258.87 - \$5,250. of which was received for Life Membership.

While it is not perhaps in the province of this Committee to make any recommendation they will suggest that there is one item of expense that can and ought to be dispensed with, and that is the paying into the Permanent Fund the 10% of our entire receipts. We have paid into said fund during the last two years \$1015.85. - which sum had we been at liberty to

have used in paying our debts, (which to this Committee at least seems but "Knightly Honor") would have left us with a balance instead of a deficit. The best way we can see out of our present dilemma is to amend Sec. 2 of Article 7 by striking out the words "of one tenth of the entire annual receipts of the Commandery excepting the fee for Life Membership and the income of the Permanent Fund." also the words in the same Sec. "It shall not be considered good Knightly faith in the Commandery to diminish the rate of increase hereby established."

If thought best not to amend we would suggest the suspending for a stated period of time (say 5 years) of the operation of that portion of Article 7 which requires the payment of one tenth of the entire receipts of the Commandery to the Permanent Fund.

Without further suggestion your Committee will close their report by simply stating that with the facts before them they do not see any necessity of an increase of quarterages.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John H. North

Chas. A. Burditt

F. J. Comee

Edwin A. Wadleigh

W. W. Romney

Committee.

On motion it was voted: That the report be accepted.

The following Correspondence was read and ordered to be spread upon the records.

Boston Commandery of Knights Templars

Boston October 23, 1877.

Rev. Henry W. Rugg.

R. E. M. Grand Commander,

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My Dear Sir,

At the Annual Conclave of Boston Commandery held on the 17th inst. on motion it was voted: That the sanction of Boston Commandery be given to the Council and such members of this Commandery as may join them; to form an association for the purpose of improving themselves in Templar Drill, Provided, That the Consent of the R. E. Grand Commander be first obtained if necessary, and that this Commandery shall not be held responsible for any expense incurred in promoting that object."

Above I hand you Copy of the Vote, and in accordance therewith respectfully ask your consent for the purpose therein embodied.

Courteously yours,

J. H. Thomas Jr. Recorder.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templars.
and Appendant Orders,
of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
Office of R. E. Grand Commander,

Worcester Mass. Nov. 3^d 1847.

To the Officers and members of
Boston Commandery Knights Templars,

The Communication by your Recorder addressed to Rev. Henry W. Rugg, now Past Grand Commander, dated the 23^d ultimo, came to hand the 31st, having been referred by him to me as his successor for an answer thereto.

The matter submitted has been considered by me with an interest deepened by the evidence of your zeal in so commendable a direction.

I regret that I am forced to a conclusion adverse to your wishes. Such a body - an association within an association or Commandery - suggests to my mind many objectionable features. Moreover, it is certainly beyond the purpose of your Charter and would be a grave departure from our usages.

In the absence of any real exigency, I do not feel justified in establishing such a precedent, and therefore withhold my Consent.

May not the object you seek be attained through a quickened sense of the privileges under which you have so prospered in the past?

John Dean

Grand Commander

The Sovereign Master announced, that, he was informed, that there was a delegation of Sir Knights from Providence R. I. in the Ante-room, and appointed Em. Sir William Sayward, Em. Sir Samuel Mason Jr, Sir John McBlellan and Sir Edward A. White, a Committee to wait upon the visiting Sir Knights and escort them into the Council Chamber.

The lines were formed, the Committee retired, - returning, Em. Sir Sayward introduced Sir George H. Burnham, Em. Commander of St. John's Commandery Providence R. I. who was received cordially by the Sovereign Master.

Emt. Sir Burnham then introduced his suite, Officers of Saint John's Commandery viz:

Sir Newton D. Arnold, Generalissimo.

Sir Walter B. Vincent, Captain General.

Sir John B. Massie, Senior Warden.

Sir Wm. E. Husband, Junior Warden.

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The Sovereign Master heartily welcomed them within the lines of Boston Commandery. Emt. Sir George H. Burnham after thanking the Sovereign Master for the cordial reception extended to him, and his officers accompanying him, in a speech of great good feeling presented to Boston Commandery the following Resolutions finely executed and beautifully framed.

Soldiery of the Temple

Saint John's Commandery Number One.

At the Regular Assembly held in Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, on the first day of October, in the year of Our Lord 1877, and of the Temple 759, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Commandery are due and the same are hereby tendered to the Officers and Members of Boston Commandery for the courteous reception, hearty welcome, and knightly hospitality extended to this Command after the performance of the severe duty attending the Dedication of the Army and Navy Monument at Boston, on the 17th. of September last.

Resolved, That as a further token of the appreciation by this Command of the most welcome entertainment so freely and elegantly dispensed on that occasion, an engrossed Copy of these

Resolutions be presented to Boston Commandery.

Witness our hands and the Seal of the Commandery at Providence the day and year aforesaid.

George H. Burnham
Commander.

Newton D. Arnold
Generalissimo.



Walter B. Vincent
Captain General.

Mrs. R. Greene
Recorder.

The Sovereign Master received the elegant gift, and in response, in well fitting terms returned the thanks of his Command to Saint John's Commandery, requesting Emt. Sir Burnham to convey the same to his Command.

The distinguished guests were then invited to seats in the East, and the lines were dismissed.

The Committee to procure a Past Commanders Jewel, reported through their Chairman Sir Edward A. White, that they had attended to that pleasant duty, and the Committee had unanimously voted to invite Past Em. Commander Sayward to make the presentation.

The report of the Committee was accepted. Past Em. Commander Samuel Mason Jr. was then presented and Emt. Sir Sayward on behalf of Boston Commandery in brief, but eloquent and very appropriate words presented to Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. the very beautiful, rich and elegant Past Commanders Jewel.

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The response of Past Cent. Commander Mason was full of knightly feeling, expressive of his gratitude for the honors conferred upon him by Boston Commandery.

Emt. Sir William Sayward offered the following amendment to the By-Laws.

Amend Article 7, Section 2, by striking out the words " of one tenth of the entire annual receipts of the Commandery excepting the fee for Life Membership and the income of the Permanent Fund". Also the words in the same Section " It shall not be Considered good Knightly faith in the Commandery to diminish the rate of increase hereby established".

The Sovereign Master referred the amendment to the following Committee, —
Emt. Sir Samuel L. Lawrence, Emt. Sir Wm. Bayward, Emt. Sir Saml Mason &c.

The following Companions were re-proposed for the
Orders of Knighthood
 in Boston Commandery, and their applications were referred
 to the following Committees,
Companion James B. Rice Jr. Re-proposed by Sir David Wilcox

Committee, Em^t. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Sirs J. Charles Smith, ^{4^a} J. S. Sherburne.

Companion Richard Bradford, Reproposed by Sir H. Abrie Davis.

Committee, Sirs Eugene H. Richards, F. J. Comee^{and} Chas. O. Burrill.

Visiting Knights.

Rev. John W. Dadmun, Past. Em. Com. De Molay Commandery
 Sir Joseph B. Mason. Generalissimo " " "

Sir Francis C. Hersey Smt. Commander St. Omer Commander
Sir Caleb Rand " Boeur De Lion "
and Officers from William Parkman and Joseph Warren Com-
manderies. _____

At Eight o'clock and thirty minutes the Council
was closed in due form.

attest: J. H. Thomas Jr.
Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening December 19th. 1877.

Opened a Council of

Knights of the Red Cross.

in due form at seven o'clock.

Eminent Sir James H. Upham, Soc. Master presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. Francis Scotts,	Chancellor
" John L. Stevenson,	Master of the Palace.
" Rev. John P. Bland,	Excellent High Priest.
" Edwin Wright,	Master of Cavalry.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Master of Infantry.
" Edward A. White,	Master of Finance.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.,	Master of Despatches.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" John H. Dakin,	Warder.
" James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" William A. Bunton,	Second Guard.
" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Beyer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Nourse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1st. Assistant Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	2d " "
" Edward Coggins,	3d " "

Past Eminent Commanders present.

Eminent Sir Wyseman Marshall.

Eminent Sir Charles Edward Bowers.

Eminent Sir William Sayward.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of the last Conclave were read and declared approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion James B. Rice Jr. for the Orders, reported, and upon ballot he was declared elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery.

The Committee on the application of Companion Richard Bradford, for the Orders, reported, and upon ballot he was declared rejected.

The Committee on the application of Companion Charles Morton Dakin, reported, and upon ballot he was declared rejected to receive the Orders in Boston Commandery.

The Sovereign Master announced the death of Sir Joseph Hayden, and appointed as a Committee to draft suitable resolutions Sirs George O. Brastow, John McCallan, and Reuben E. Demmon.

The Committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Sir Joseph H. Clapp, asked for, and received further time.

The Sovereign Master read General Order No. 1. from the

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Sir George H. Folger made application for an Honorable discharge from Membership in Boston Commandery, his request was granted.

Sir Micah Dyer Jr. on behalf of the Committee to present resolutions on the death of Sir William B. May, offered the following.

In Boston Commandery December 19. 1877. The Committee appointed at the last Conclave of this Commandery on the death of Sir Knight May would respectfully report.

Brother William Bird May was born in Roxbury in this Commonwealth on the 23^d of November A.D. 1819 and died Nov. 4th. A.D. 1877. He was educated in this City and commenced his business life as a manufacturer of paper. He soon left this employment and engaged in the business of Stock Broker in Boston and was in this vocation for nearly thirty years. He was elected to and served the City of Roxbury in every office except that of Mayor.

He was a member of the State Legislature several times, was director of the Mt. Vernon Bank and Metropolitan Rail Road and also a director for the State of the Bridgewater Institution.

September 5. 1850 he was proposed by Bro. McBlellan in Columbian Lodge, Entered Oct. 3. 1850, Crafted Nov. 21. 1850, raised Feby. 6. 1851, became a member March 6. 1851. Demitted Oct. 7. 1858. He received the Capitular degrees in St. Andrew's Chapter, was Exalted June 2. 1852, became a member September 1. 1852. Demitted Oct. 2. 1867. He received the Templar Degrees January 19. 1853 and became a member of this Encampment Sept. 20. 1854.

Brother May was a loving and devoted husband and father. As a Citizen he was true to the

right, as a business man honorable and just, as an official of unswerving integrity, as a friend sensitive, unselfish, big hearted and noble. As a Mason he was loyal and royal.

Bro. May was a remarkable home man, in the cultivation of his intellect, in the cares and perplexities of business life, in the labor and excitement of official duties, in the genial glow of friendly Companionship he never deserted his post as husband and father, but at all times and every where the finer sensibilities of his nature showed themselves in continual love and kindness to all. His unselfishness, his great heartedness mellowed the dry actions of every day life and made it a joy to be his wife, a blessing to be his child, and a richness to be his friend.

As a man he was wonderfully magnetic, full of energy and vim. No matter how hard his duties in office, or his labors in business, he never forgot that time when the curtain should drop over day's toils, and the wealth of heart should be given to his family. He never brought the cold presence of figures into the glow and warmth of his fireside. He did not live in a little world of his own, his heart was never in the back ground but his every day life had stamped upon its face good acts and kindness. He bridged over the stormy hours which come in every man's life by indomitable will and pluck. In every position he was true to his best judgment and sense of right.

Whereas:- Our beloved Brother and Sir Knight May, has been taken from us by our Heavenly Father after an honorable and true life,

Resolved:- That while we shall miss his genial presence, the world his kindness and acts of mercy, his friends his fidelity, we thank the Good God that the past of his life is so full of sweet memories, that his good thoughts were crystallized into acts of practical Christian

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ity and his desires blossomed into good deeds.
Resolved: That while we mourn the loss of the dear brother departed we rejoice that in him we had a faithful member, a true Citizen, a worthy officer and a noble man.

Resolved: That our heartfelt sympathies are hereby tendered to his widow and family in their great loss, and while we shall miss the loss of his presence and influence we have the satisfaction of knowing that for him the last great battle has been fought, the Victor is crowned with glory, and the great problem of his life has been solved.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

For the Committee.

Micah Dyer Jr. — Chairman.

On motion it was Voted: that the report be accepted, the resolutions adopted, and spread upon the records.

Official Visitation

Eminent Sir William H. Kent, Grand Generalissimo
of the
Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island
and Suite.

It having been announced that the Em. Grand Generalissimo and suite were present in the Ante-room for the purpose of paying an official visit to Boston Commandery, the Sovereign Master appointed the following named Knights, a committee to retire to the Ante-room and invite, and escort the Em. Grand Generalissimo and suite within our lines,

Eminent Sir Wyseman Marshall.

Eminent Sir William Sayward.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

Sir Edward A. White.

The Sovereign Master detailed a Guard of Honor to attend the Committee who retired to the Ante-room and escorted the Eminent Grand Generalissimo and Suite to the presence of the Sovereign Master.

Eminent Sir Wyseman Marshall Chairman of the Committee presented the Eminent Grand Generalissimo to the Sov. Master, who received him with a knightly welcome.

The Eminent Grand Generalissimo introduced to the Sovereign Master the following Eminent Knights who composed his suite,

Eminent Sir Caleb Rand, Em. Com. Boeur De Lion Commandery

Eminent Sir John F. Newton, Past Em. Com. Joseph Warren Do.

Eminent Sir Charles E. Bowers, Past Em. Com. Boston Do.

Eminent Sir Charles Harris, Em. Com. Joseph Warren Do.

The Sovereign Master invited the Eminent Grand Generalissimo to assume the Chair. Upon returning his thanks in a few very appropriate remarks the Em. Grand Generalissimo requested the Sovereign Master to resume the Chair and proceed with his work.

Companion James B. Rice Jr.

was Created and Dubbed a Knight
of the
Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

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At the close of the work the Em. Grand Generalissimo Complimented the Sovereign Master and his associate officers upon the Commendable manner in which the Order of Knighthood had been conferred, and expressed himself highly satisfied with the examination of the Charter, Records, and By-Laws of the Commandery.

Remarks were also made by Com. Sir Caleb Rand, expressing his pleasure at visiting Boston Commandery on this occasion, alluding to it as his birth place in the Chivalric Orders, which called forth our Eminent Sir Marshall in a truly knightly and fraternal speech, claiming the knightly fatherhood of the last speaker.

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Visiting Knights.

Sir Wm. J. Ellis, Past Em. Com. William Parkman Commandery
Sir George Boulton, Past Em. Com. Joseph Warren Do.
Sir James C. Zucker, Past Em. Com. Joseph Warren Do.
Sir Francis F. Emery, Past Generalissimo St. Bernard Do.
and several Officers of William Parkman Commandery.

At Ten o'clock the Council was closed in due form.

attest: J. H. Thomas Jr.
Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening January 16. 1878.

Opened a Commandery of
Knights Templars.
in due form at Seven o'clock.

Sir James H. Upham Emt. Comr presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. Francis Scotts,	Generalissimo.
" John L. Stevenson,	Captain General.
" Rev. John B. Bland,	Prelate.
" Edwin Wright,	Senior Warden.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Junior Warden.
" William Hayward, (acting)	Treasurer.
" Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr.	Recorder.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" John H. Lakin,	Warder.
" James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" William A. Bunton,	Second Guard.
" George W. Bunton,	First Guard.
" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Broyer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Morse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1st. Ass ^t Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	2 ^d . do. do.

Past Eminent Commanders Present.
Eminent Sir William Hayward.
Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of the last stated Conclave were read and declared approved.

The Committees appointed to offer suitable resolutions on the death of Sir Joseph H. Clapp, and Sir Joseph Hayden not being present further time was granted them.

Sir Alexander Dickinson, and Sir Frank E. Webster made applications for dimit from Boston Commandery. They being clear on the books, it was voted: That their applications be granted.

The Recorder received, and, deeming of interest to the Commandery, as showing the Knights feeling of our Eminent Honorary Member, read the following letter,

Mayor's Office.

City of Providence Jan'y 16. 1878.

Dear Sir & Sir Knight,

I had intended to have been with you, this evening, but at the last moment I find that some matters in my own Lodge require my presence at the regular this evening and as I can thereby oblige many brethren I feel compelled to relinquish my visit to Boston.

I trust you will not feel that I am losing my interest in my adopted home, for on the contrary, my desire is to be present at each Assembly.

I trust that hereafter I may be more regular in attendance than in the past, and with kind regards,

To Sir L. H. Thomas Sr, Recorder &c. Fraternally Yours, Thomas A. Doyle.

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Jan'y 16 On motion it was Voted: That it be spread upon the records.
During the evening the Standing Committee on Finance in session Voted unanimously to remit the dues of the following Sir Knights.

Sir Walter F. Bicknell \$15.00

Sir George L. Gade \$10.00

Sir Jacob Graves \$10.00.

Delinquent List.

Sir William S. Carson,

Sir George F. Foye,

Sir Abel F. Fifield,

Sir George C. Hersey,

Sir John Hocking,

Sir Videm F. Mansfield,

Sir Joseph L. Ross.

Having been duly notified that the subject of their indebtedness to Boston Commandery would come up for final action on this evening at 8 o'clock. their names were presented to the Commandery separately, and by unanimous vote the membership of each was declared forfeited for non-payment of dues.

Further action upon the indebtedness of

Sir George M. Cook and

Sir Varnum H. Hill.

was by vote postponed until the third Wednesday in June next.

Upsiling Knights.

Sir Alfred S. Chapman, Grand Recorder, Sir John F. Kennard of St. Amer. Com.

Sir Charles H. White Past Em^t Com^d, St. Amer. Commandery.

Sir James Donaghy Em^t Com^d Palestine Commandery.

Sir James B. Rice Jr. was Created and dubbed a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, Knight Templar.

The Commandery was then closed and a Council of Knights of Malta, opened, waiving all ceremony when the Order of Malta was conferred upon Sir James B. Rice Jr. and he was declared duly invested with the Orders of Knighthood.

The Council was then closed and a Commandery of Knights Templars opened waiving all ceremony.

Sir James B. Rice Jr. made written application for Membership in Boston Commandery, and by order of the Eminent Commander his application was referred to the same Committee who had his application for the Orders in charge.

The following Companions were proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery and their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Companion Augustus Towne, proposed by Sir Albert Hebbard

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Jan'y 16. Committee Sirs Seymour B. Snow, Joseph Williams, W^m A. Burton.

Companion William Henry Dow proposed by Com^d Sir James H. Upham

Committee Com^d Sir William Bayward, Sirs J. F. Lotts, H. L. Batchelder.

Companion Charles A. Gibby, re-proposed by Sir Parker R. Ditchfield

Committee Sirs Benj. A. Hersey, George D. Tufts, and Edward Storer.

At nine o'clock and fifty minutes the
Commandery was closed in form.

attest: L. H. Thomas Jr.
Recorder.

— Stated Conclave —

Wednesday Evening February 20th. 1878.

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross.
in due form at seven o'clock.

Eminent Sir James H. Upham, Sor. Master, Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. Francis Scotts,	Chancellor.
" John L. Stevenson,	Master of the Palace.
" Rev. John B. Bland,	Excellent High Priest.
" Edwin Wright,	Master of Cavalry.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Master of Infantry.
" Edward A. White,	Master of Finance.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.	Master of Despatches.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" John H. Leakin,	Warder.
" James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" William A. Bunkon,	Second Guard.
" George W. Bunkon,	First Guard.
" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Dwyer, <u>Armorer</u> , acting	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	First Asst. Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	Second " "
" Edward Coggins,	Third " "

Past Eminent Commanders Present.

Emt. Sir Charles Edward Powers.

Emt. Sir William Hayward.

Emt. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence.

Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of the last Conclave were read and declared approved.

The Sovereign Master announced the death of Sir Charles E. Fox, and appointed Sir John L. Stevenson, Sir Charles D. Burwill and Sir Frederick S. Rixteen a Committee to prepare and present a suitable memorial upon his decease.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committees to whom were referred the applications of Companions,

Augustus Towne,

William Henry Dow,

Charles A. Sibby, for the

Orders of Knighthood, in Boston Commandery, severally reported, and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant they were declared elected.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Sir James B. Rice Jr. for Membership, in Boston Commandery reported, whereon a ballot was taken and he was elected.

Sir William F. Peirce, made a written request for an honorable discharge from Boston Commandery. His request was granted.

Sir Charles A. Jones, made application for limit from Boston Commandery, and on motion it was Voted: that his application be granted.

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Feb. 20 A Communication was received from the Eminent Commander of Saint Omer Commandery, South Boston, requesting permission to receive the application of Comp. Richard Bradford, who had been rejected by this Commandery; and on motion it was voted:— That the Consent of Boston Commandery be given Saint Omer Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood upon Companion Richard Bradford; provided he be found worthy and well qualified.

An Announcement by the Sentinel, of a delegation of Eminent and distinguished Knights in the Ante-room.

The Sovereign Master appointed,

Emk. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence,

Emk. Sir Thomas A. Doyle,

Emk. Sir Samuel Mason Jr.,

Emk. Sir William Hayward,

Emk. Sir Charles Edward Powers,

a committee to wait upon and escort them into the Council Chamber.

A detachment under the Command of the Master of Cavalry escorted the Committee. The lines were drawn up, the Avenue formed, and the Committee with their distinguished guests in charge, entered the Council Chamber under the "Arch of Steel". On their arrival at the East, the Chairman of the Committee, Eminent Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, introduced General Charles Roome, Past Grand Commander,

of the Grand Commandery of New York.

and he, and those accompanying him were received by the Sovereign Master with a hearty Knightly welcome.

Visiting Knights.

Sir W. W. Goodwin, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Com^dy of New Jersey.

" J. B. Thomas, Past Emk. Com^dr of De Witt Clinton Com^dy, Brooklyn N. Y.

Sir A. C. Wood, Past Emk. Com^dr, of Central City Commandery, Syracuse N. Y.
 " S. J. Stiness, Emk. Com^dr, of Calvary Commandery, Providence R. I.
 " James H. Amington, Past Deputy Grand Master, of the Gr. Lodge of R. I.
 " W. H. White, Generalissimo Com^dy Clinton Commandery, Brooklyn N. Y.
 " Alfred J. Chapman, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Mass. & South Boston
 " Francis C. Hersey, Emk. Commander of Saint Omer Commandery, South Boston
 " Joseph B. Mason, Generalissimo of De Molay Commandery, Boston
 " A. J. Belloni Jr.
 " J. D. Perkins } of Boeur De Dieu Commandery New York City
 " George W. Ellis, " Clinton Commandery " " "
 " C. C. Greenough, " Ivanhoe " " "
 " Thomas R. Hanks, " Saint John " Providence R. I.
 " L. O. Gerould, " Gettysmane " Newton, Mass.
 " John Andrew, " Palestine " Chelsea, "

Companions,

Augustus Towne,

and

William Henry Dow,

were created and dubbed,

Knights of the

Illustrious Order

of the

Red Cross.

At the conclusion of the Order, which was conferred in a manner highly satisfactory to our distinguished guests. The subject of amending Article 7, Section 2 of our By-Laws, by striking out the words "of one tenth

Feb'y 20 of the entire annual receipts of the Commandery excepting the fee for Life Membership and the income of the Permanent Fund; Also the words in the same Section "It shall not be considered good knightly faith in the Commandery to diminish the rate of increase hereby established." came up for action.

This subject having been referred to a Committee, and borne upon the notifications of three consecutive stated assemblies, the Committee consisting of Com. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence, Com. Sir William Sayward, and Com. Sir Samuel Mason Jr made the following.

Report.

In Boston Commandery.
February 20. 1878.

Eminent Commander & Sir Knights:

The Committee to whom was referred the amendment proposed to Article 7, Section 2, of the By Laws, relative to the Permanent Fund of the Boston Commandery, have considered with great care the matter submitted to them, and respectfully report:-

The Permanent Fund of this Commandery was not established by this Body upon any hasty impulse or ill-digested plan, but only after long and earnest consideration and by successive Committees upon the subject. The precise provisions which control and regulate it, as contained in our By Laws, were found after thorough and extended inquiry to be the only ones which could inspire confidence that it could be preserved as a fund, or which could therefore furnish any real inducement to most of those who have become Life-members to put their moneys into the keeping of the Commandery. The failure and disappearance of the funds of many Masonic bodies, in times of temporary adversity, or under the temptation of some large indulgence, or by the improvidence of a prodigal administration, has created among the fraternity a wide spread distrust of such investments. This distrust your Committee

found frequent, and strongly held; and the ability and forecast of these Sir Knights were united with those of the Committee to frame such provisions for the government of this fund as would seem to give security that the moneys devoted to this object should not fail to accomplish the proposed purpose. The provisions finally reported and adopted without change, after earnest discussion, were the same now governing the fund, and contained in our By-Laws.

They were intended to form, and they do form, a solemn and binding compact between the Sir Knights who have contributed this fund on the one hand, and the Commandery which has received it, and is receiving and to receive the benefits of it on the other.

Only by virtue of such a compact, and the ratification of it by the Commandery upon its "knightly faith," that they would never diminish the rate of increase thereby established, was it possible to inaugurate the fund and insure its growth. That ratification was deliberately and solemnly given, and under the faith it imparted a fund has been established and accumulated, which has already returned to the Commandery an amount of available moneys, much larger than, in fact nearly double as much as the sum the Commandery has paid into it under the provisions now proposed by this amendment to be stricken out. This fact alone your Committee submit should be sufficient to determine the rejection of the propositions in the thought of every Sir Knight; but they add to the force of this suggestion the further fact, and one of great importance, that this return will be continually increasing from year to year, until at length it will result in making the Commandery a wealthy and self-supporting institution, and will ensure its permanence with a rank and position first among the Templar organizations of the United States, as it is now first in numbers and moral influence.

Your Committee call the attention of the Sir Knights to the fact that there is manifest in the larger and more reputable Bodies of our

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 ruin order, especially in the great centers like Chicago and San Francisco, and also in other departments of Masonry, a growing tendency to the establishment of permanent funds, and to these ends, among others; - that the Commandery shall itself be securely permanent and independent under all conceivable adversities; that the members of each Commandery, as they go abroad and become associate members of foreign Sister Commanderies, may contribute as dues to the Body with which they become connected the proceeds of their proportion of the income of such fund, to be transmitted to them, in whatever City or Clime residing, and so to extend the powerful benefits of the order, and make them available everywhere. Concluding its affairs in this spirit, why may we not hope that the Templar organization may ultimately be enabled to institute, establish and endow such institutions of Charity and beneficence, for its honest poor and unfortunate, their widows and orphans, as shall make it a power felt throughout the world second to no other agency in the breadth of its humanitarian work. The transmission of a Brother's dues from one Commandery to another has already, as your Committee are informed, been instituted by at least two bodies in the United States, the provisions of whose permanent funds in other respects are not superior to our own.

These considerations will of course have a variable weight with the Sir Knights present and much according to the amount of attention and thought which they have devoted to the subject.

Your Committee can not fail to suggest to the Commandery the high moral duty of maintaining pure and whole the faith they have so fully pledged - Upon the basis of that faith alone we should refrain from any alteration of the By Laws in this regard, as we would from any pollution of the Temple itself. Knightly honor and fidelity to every engagement, is the motto hitherto emblazoned upon the history of Templar Masonry.

Again, the security of a fund constituted as this is, is like the perfectness of female virtue, - the first infringement allowed upon its virgin

integrity is the sure token of its ultimate and entire destruction; or like the symmetry of the perfect ashlar; - the breaking off a corner is a very little thing, but next the roughened surface must be smoothed, and next the other or several corners must be broken to correspond; and then the irregular figure must be further made regular, till at last the stone is ruined and fits no place in the building;

In the State and Society also, all great overthrows have beginning in some trifling change that promises to be harmless, and that is never again to be extended, and yet this least infraction is the almost unerring prophecy of revolution and death. Your Committee feel, therefore, impelled by their sincere desire for the best good of the Commandery, to urge upon the Sir Knights, not to begin in any, the slightest degree, the impairing of this fund.

Your Committee again are pressed by another fact, which they in turn desire to press upon your attention, viz this, that there is in this community scarcely any Masonic fund so established as to afford inducement to a wealthy brother to bequeath to its keeping a share of his wealth; and yet we have among us such brothers, and as your Committee can personally testify, many such, who would desire to make such a bequest, if they could be assured that, while its income should be available, the principal itself should be held sacred and inviolable. We all know how much wealth thus finds its way to other institutions of religion, of science, and of philanthropy, and why not to us, if we could but exhibit the same permanence of funds guarded with the same fidelity?

This compact of the permanent fund was made solemn and binding upon the Sir Knights upon the one hand and the other, as individuals and as an organization, for the very purpose among others of giving this assurance and under the

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pledge of "Knighly honor"; and it embraces, as you will see, in the very terms of the By-Laws the expectation of bequests, and holds out the faith of the Order that they shall be sacredly received and preserved. We have good reason to believe that bequests to this end are already in existence; they are ambulatory and revocable and will probably stand or be annulled as the Commandery shall stand fast to, or loosely let go the Compact of this permanent fund.

These are a few among many Considerations which we would urge for the perfect preservation of the articles in question, and for the rejection of the amendments proposed, and we would fain have the question rightly decided upon these higher and nobler grounds.

— But at the same time we cannot refrain from calling your attention to the very trifling exigency, which has given rise to the proposed amendment and to this report upon it. The Commandery is in debt, or there is a present deficiency to the amount of \$563.44 only, and in this respect not worse in the fact nor in the amount than many masonic bodies in this vicinity, who have no invested funds, and who therefore rely upon their work and a reasonable economy for the means of both paying their current expenses and liquidating their debt. Boston Commandery has a larger membership and receives a much larger sum in actual dues than any of these bodies;— the debt upon us is larger than usual only by the amount of one quarters rent. With the number of Candidates that have offered for the last few years of the depressed times, and the exercise of a somewhat closer economy for a few months in the matter of collations and banqueting the Commandery may be able to meet its current expenses and to fully comply with the provisions of its By-Laws without amendment: and so your Committee report that in their view there is no exigency in the Condition or prospects of the Commandery which requires the adoption of the amendment proposed, even if there were not other and higher motives to prevent.

your Committee further believe and suggest, that if it should be at some subsequent period found that the deficiency still continued in whole or in part, it would be incalculably more for the interest of the Commandery, and more in consonance with the wishes and honor of the Sir Knights that the same should in such exigency be discharged by other means which have already been, and may at some later time be suggested.

Looking singly and with deliberate care to the best good of Boston Commandery, and judging as they flatter themselves with no personal or sinister motives, but out of a pure and unselfish love for our Commandery and with a view to the preservation of its noble fame among the Templar bodies of the nation, your Committee make the following report, that the proposed amendment ought not to pass.

— Sir Knights; you believe in "that chastity of honor which feels a stain like a wound", therefore, "let honor be to us as strong an obligation as necessity to others."

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel C. Lawrence.
William Hayward.
Samuel Mason Jr. } Committee

On motion of Sir Charles H. Crosby the report of the Committee was accepted - unanimously -

The Sov. Master called upon the Sir Knights of Boston Commandery to thoroughly discuss this subject.

After remarks by a few of the members, it was on motion of Sir Eugene H. Richards Voted:—

That the subject of the proposed amendment to Article 7, Section 2, be indefinitely postponed. 98 in favor, 8 opposed.

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Sir Charles W. Romney during the evening paid in the requisite sum, and became a Life Member

At 10 o'clock 5 minutes the Council was closed, in due form, previous to which, the Sovereign Master cordially invited our visiting Sir Knights, and all present to attend him at a banquet in the Hall above.

attest:

J. H. Thomas Jr.

Master of Dispatches.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening March 20th 1878.

Opened a Commandery of Knights Templar
in due form at seven o'clock.

Sir James H. Upham Emt. Comd: Presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. Francis Scotts,	Generalissimo.
" John L. Stevenson,	Captain General.
" Rev. John B. Bland,	Prelate.
" Edwin Wright,	Senior Warden.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Junior Warden.
<u>Emt.</u> Samuel Mason Jr.,	acting, Treasurer.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.,	Recorder.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" John H. Loakin,	Warder.
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" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Bryer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Morse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1st Ass. Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	2 ^d " "
" Edward Goggins,	3 ^d " "

Past Eminent Commanders Present.

Eminent Sir Wyreman Marshall.

Eminent Sir William Sayward.

Eminent Sir Samuel C. Lawrence.

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of the last Stated Conclave were read and no objection being made thereto, they were declared approved.

The Committee appointed to present a suitable memorial upon the decease of our late Sir Knight Charles E. Fox, offered the following,
Asylum of Boston Commandery K.T.
Boston March 20. 1878.

To the Eminent Commandernd Sir Knights,

The Committee appointed to draft a memorial on the death of Sir Charles E. Fox, respectfully submit the following:

Sir Charles Edward Fox was born in Rockton Ill. Nov. 9. 1840 and died at his residence No. 685 Tremont Street Boston January 29th. 1878. His death was caused by being thrown from his horse while riding for exercise as had been his custom, the blow received on his head, rendered him at once unconscious, and he lay in that condition until death ensued at 6.30 P.M. of the same day.

Sir Knight Fox came to Boston about the year 1860, and entered a grocery store at the South end as clerk and a few years afterward began business for himself in the same line on Tremont Street which he conducted successfully until his death.

He took the degrees in Freemasonry in Mount Lebanon Lodge, being initiated May 9. 1870, Crafted June 13th.

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March 20. raised Sept. 12th. and admitted to membership Nov. 14th. of the same year. He received the degree of Mark Master Feby. 1. 1871. Past Master and Most Excellent Master March 1. 1871. and was Exalted to the Sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason March 23. 1871 in St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter, and was admitted to membership January 3. 1872. — The Order of the Red Cross was conferred upon him in Boston Commandery May 17. 1871, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta June 21. 1871. He was received as a Member September 20. 1871.

Our late Sir Knight was a member of Commonwealth Lodge J.O.F.O.F.

As a military man he left an excellent record, which is as follows: he enlisted as a private in Co. C. 1st Rhode Island Cavalry Aug. 14. 1862, was made Corporal August 1863, Orderly Sergeant Dec. 24. 1864, mustered out of service June 6. 1865. Served as a private in Co. D 1st Mass. Cavalry M.V.M. from May 9. 1872 to May 15. 1873. Sergt. Major of the Battalion from May 15th. 1873 to March 31. 1875, 1st Sergeant Co. D from March 31. 1875 to January 12th. 1876 when he was elected 2^d Lieut. which Commission he held at the time of his decease.

He was also an active and valued member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Sir Knight Fox leaves a widow to mourn his loss, and to her we proffer our profound sympathy in her great bereavement, assuring her that we mourn with her the loss of him who while bound to her by the golden cords of love and affection, also bound us to him by his pure life, generous nature and knightly courtesy toward all he met. It was the good fortune of each of your Committee to have enjoyed the personal friendship of the deceased, hence they at least feel assured that no eulogium of theirs can add one ray of glory to the character of the departed, a good son, a good husband, a good citizen, a good Templar, what more

can or need be said, let his monument be the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him as attested by the thousands who attended his obsequies, and may the reflections of those who mourn him, evermore bring his kindly acts, and worthy deeds, and weave of them a garland to enshrine his memory forever sacred, "where the acacia, pledge of fond remembrance blooms."

Presented in Love, Honor and

— Knightly Courtesy.

— John S. Stevenson.

— Charles O. Burrill.

— Fred. S. Risteen.

Committee.

On motion it was voted: that the memorial be accepted, spread upon the records, and a copy sent to the widow of the deceased.

A communication was received from Bethesda Lodge, Brighton District, soliciting a proportional part of the expenses paid by them in the burial of their Wor. Bro., Sir Knight Eben D. Jones.

On motion of Sir John H. Lakin it was voted: — that the communication be referred to the Council with full powers.

Sir George M. Cook, made a written request through Sir Wm. C. Ulman for a discharge from Boston Commandery.

The Council having remitted his dues, it was on motion voted: — that he be honorably discharged.

Sir Edward Coggins during the evening, paid the requisite sum, and became a Life Member.

Visiting Knights

The Commandery

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March 20. was honored with the presence of the following, Past Eminent Commanders, the Eminent Commander, Officers and Members of our Sister Commandery the De Molay.

Eminent Sir William Parkman, Past Eminent Commander.

" " Marlborough Williams, " " "

" " Charles B. Lancaster, The Eminent Commander.

Sir Joseph B. Mason, " Generalissimo.

" William Downie, " Senior Warden.

" William R. Cook, " Junior Warden.

" Joseph M. Russell, " Treasurer.

" George Chippen Jr., " Recorder.

" George L. Clark, " Sword Bearer.

" George F. Wright, " Warden.

" Frank E. Drinnell, }

" Zacchus Holmes, } Guards.

and Sir Edwin R. Frost.

also, ———

Emt Sir James M. Greenwood, Past Emt. Comd of Bethsamane Commandery

" " W. W. Keith, The " " " " "

Sir Wm. H. Chessman, of Saint Bernard Commandery.

" Ellis C. Stacy, " Richmond Commandery No. 2 Richmond Va.

" Charles W. Packer, " Mary " Philadelphia.

" Horace Smith, " Saint Emer. " So. Boston.

" C. C. Greenough, " Ivanhoe " New York.

Sir Augustus Towne

and Sir William Henry Dow

Were Created and dubbed

Knights of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple
Knights Templar.

The Order of Malta was then conferred upon the
before named Knights, and they were declared duly
invested with the

Orders of Knighthood.

The same knights subsequently made written application for
Membership in Boston Commandery, and by order of
the Eminent Commander their propositions were referred
to the same Committees who had their applications for the
orders in charge.

The following Companions were proposed
for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, and
their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Companion Emery O. Bicknell, proposed by Sir Edward Boggins.

Committee, Sirs Edwin Wright, Abicah Dyer Jr., and Samuel W. Clifford.

Companion Charles Henry Baldwin, proposed by Sir Edward A. White.

Committee, Sirs Eugene H. Richards, Joshua F. Sampson and E. A. Holton.

Companion Walter David Hall, proposed by Sir August P. Leightill.

Committee, Sirs James M. Gleason, James P. Phinney and Edward Boggins.

Companion George G. Stratton, proposed by Sir Charles H. Dunham.

Committee Sirs E. A. Wadleigh, James Houslow, and Leone S. Quimby.

Companion Marcus C. Cook, proposed by Sir Edward A. White.

Committee, Sirs Benj. A. Hersey, A. Thompson 3^d, and George P. Brown.

At ten o'clock the Commandery was closed in
due form.

attest: — J. H. Thomas Jr.
Recorder.

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening April 17th. 1878.

Opened a Council of.

Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at Seven o'clock.

Emt. Sir James H. Upham, Sov. Master, presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir. J. Francis Lotts,	Chancellor.
" John L. Stevenson,	Master of the Palace.
" Rev. John B. Bland,	Excellent High Priest.
" Edwin Wright,	Senior Warden.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White,	Master of Finance.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.,	Master of Dispatches.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Bryer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Nourse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1st Asst. Guard.
" Eugene A. Bolton,	2d " "
" Edward Coggins,	3d " "

Absent.

Sir John H. Lakin, Warden. Sirs Wm. A. Buntan^{2d} & Geo. W. Buntan, 2^d and 1st Guards.

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Past Eminent Commanders Present.

Emt. Sir Wyseman Marshall,

Emt. Sir William Sayward,

Emt. Sir Samuel C. Lawrence,

Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records
of the last regular Conclave, were read and approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The committees
to whom were referred the applications of,
Companions

Emery C. Bicknell,

Charles Henry Baldwin,

Walter David Hall,

George G. Stratton,

Marcus C. Cook,

for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, severally reported; and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant, they were declared elected.

The committees to whom was referred the applications of,

Sir Augustus Towne

Sir William Henry Dow,

for Membership in Boston Commandery reported, whereupon a ballot was ordered, and they were each declared elected.

The Sovereign Master announced the death of Sir P. J. Ferrisall, and appointed Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr., Sir Ivory H. Pope and Sir Charles C. Temple a Committee to prepare and present a suitable memorial upon his decease.

Companions.

Charles A. Sibby,

Emery C. Bicknell,

Charles Henry Baldwin,

Walter David Hall,

George G. Stratton,

Marcus C. Cook,

Were created and dubbed
Knights of the Illustrious Order
of the Red Cross.

The Sovereign Master invited the Sir Knights of Boston Commandery to attend him, and his officers in full regalia, on Wednesday evening next at a fraternal visit to our Sister Commandery the De Molay.

Visiting Knights.

Emt. Sir C. H. Doolittle,	Past Em. Com.	William Parkman Comd.
" " J. F. Newton,	" "	Joseph Warren "
" " Charles Harris,	Emt. Comd.	do. do. "
" " James Swords,	" "	Hugh D. Payens "
Sir C. B. Fairchild,	Generalissimo,	" " " "
" John Viall,	Capt. General,	" " " "
" Joseph B. Mason,	Generalissimo,	De Molay, "
" Wm. H. Chessman,	of Saint Bernard,	Commandery,
" Thomas H. Carter,	of Newburyport	"

The following companions were proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery and their applications were referred to the following committees,

Companion Henry Noah Clark, proposed by Sir J. F. Davenport.

Committee: Sirs J. Francis Lotts, Henry G. Fay, ^{and} W. H. Wilder.

Companion Charles Wooddill, proposed by Sir J. Francis Lotts.

Committee: Sirs Chas. W. Romney, Fred. J. Bomee ^{and} A. K. Bryer.

Companion Thomas Waterman, proposed by Emt. Sir J. H. Upham.

Committee: Sirs Edward A. White, Wm. J. Stevens, ^{and} A. L. Richardson.

Companion George S. Merrill, proposed by Emt. Sir J. H. Upham.

Committee: Sirs John L. Stevenson, E. H. Richards, ^{and} Emt. Sir S. C. Lawrence.

At nine o'clock and thirty minutes the Council was
closed in due form.

_____ attest: — J. H. Thomas Jr. —

_____ Master of Dispatches. —

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday May 15th 1878.

Opened a Council of Knights of the Red Cross
in due form at Four o'clock P.M.

Emt Sir James H. Upham, Sov. Master, presiding.

Officers Present.

Sir J. Francis Scotts,	Chancellor.
" John L. Stevenson,	Master of the Palace.
" Rev. John P. Bland,	Excellent High Priest.
" Edwin Wright,	Master of Cavalry.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Master of Infantry.
" Edward A. White,	Master of Finances.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.,	Master of Dispatches.
" Caleb Bowker,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" William A. Bunton,	Second Guard.
" George W. Bunton,	First Guard.
" John B. Rhodes,	Musical Director.
" Alex. K. Bryer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Norrse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1st Ass. Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	2d " "
" Edward Coggins,	3d " "

Absent.

Sir John H. Dakin. — Warder. —

Past Eminent Commanders Present.

Emt Sir Daniel Harwood,

Emt. Sir John K. Hall,

Emt. Sir Wyseman Marshall,

Emt. Sir Charles C. Dame,

Emt. Sir Charles C. Powers,

Emt. Sir William Sayward,

Emt. Sir Saml. C. Lawrence,

Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

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The records of the last
regular Conclave were read, and declared approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committees to whom were referred the applications of
Companions,

Henry Noah Clark,

Charles Woodcill,

Thomas Waterman,

George S. Merrill,

for the Orders in Boston Commandery, severally reported,
and upon a ballot being taken upon each applicant they
were declared elected.

The Committee appointed at
the last Conclave to prepare and present a suitable memorial
on the death of Sir Philander J. Forristall made the
following,

Report.

In Boston Commandery.
May 15. 1878.

Your Committee appointed at the last regular Conclave, to
prepare a suitable tribute for our Records in memory of our deceased

Sir Knight Philander Jacobs Forristall, would courteously submit the following:

Again we are reminded that "in the midst of life we are in death." Death steals upon us with inaudible steps, and thins our numbers in every relation of life; takes from our domestic hearths our hearts treasures, and in the wider spheres of society makes his invades on associations hallowed by love and friendship.

In the autumn of life, in the midst of his days, Sir Philander Jacobs Forristall has been summoned from the wife and children, whose love so endeared him to the domestic joys of his pleasant home; from his partners and associates in business life; from the place of public worship, where his seat had been seldom vacant, and from the earthly fellowship of his Masonic Brethren, to whom he was bound by ties of sincere affection.

But from all the associations that will know him no more in this earthly pilgrimage, will come the enduring testimony, "that a good man has fallen"; honest in all his dealings, persevering and attentive in business, and who by his integrity had secured for himself a position of honor and esteem.

Philander Jacobs Forristall was born in Royalston, this State, on the 3^d day of July 1823. He died near his country residence at Athol Mass., on Thursday March 28. 1878, aged 54 years, 8 months and 25 days.

He was made a Mason in Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Chelsea, April 4th 1855; was one of the petitioners, and became a "Charter Member" of Joseph Warren Lodge, of this City, in 1857. Of this Lodge he was the first Treasurer, and advanced the money for the Lodge to purchase its jewels and Regalia. For the next five years he held the office of Chaplain, and on the 10th of June, 1875, was made an Honorary Member.

He was exalted in St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter Jan. 21. 1856, and admitted a Member March 6. of the same year. Received the Orders in, and was admitted a Member of Boston Commandery Oct. 15. 1856, and had also taken all the degrees of the "Scottish Rite" to the 32^d.

In the twenty one years that Sir Knight Forristall has been a member of Boston Commandery he has ever retained the love and respect of his brethren, and now that he has been called to that higher and better life, we would testify our respect to his memory, by placing on our records the acknowledgment that he has left on our hearts the impress of a good man, and brother, an example of a life well spent and rounded to an honorable close.

We propose the following resolutions for adoption by Boston Commandery:—

Resolved: That the members of this Commandery mournfully realize, that in the death of Sir Philander J. Forristall, we have lost an earnest, faithful and exemplary associate: one who, by his kindness of nature, and genial cordial manners, and useful life, marked him as a man to be missed from any Community.

Resolved: That it is with unfeigned satisfaction we contemplate his earthly career, which affords so many examples of uprightness, kindness, and steady devotion to his duty and principles, worthy of our imitation.

Resolved: That we extend our deepest sympathies to the Widow and children of our deceased associate, and while we join in mutual sorrow, we would also remind her, and them, that death is but transition to a better life; that—

— "Beyond the Calming and the fretting, —
— Beyond remembering, and forgetting, —
— Is love, rest, home." —

Resolved: That the Recorder be instructed to forward to the family of our deceased Sir Knight an attested copy of the foregoing.

All of which is courteously presented by your Committee,

— Samuel Mason Jr. } Committee
— Ivory H. Pope }
— Chas. C. Temple }

On motion it was unanimously voted: That the memorial be accepted and the Resolutions adopted.

The Sovereign Master announced the death of Sir Chauncy Page, and on motion of the Recorder, it was unanimously voted: That a page of our Records be inscribed to his memory.

The Sovereign Master having been informed that the R. E. Grand Commander was in the ante-room, he appointed as a Committee to wait upon, and escort him into the Council Chamber,

Emt. Sir Samuel L. Lawrence, —

Emt. Sir Charles L. Dames, —

Emt. Sir Daniel Harwood, —

Emt. Sir Wm. Hayward, —

Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. —

Emt. Sir the Rev. Lucius R. Paige —

they attended to the duty, escorted by a detachment under the command of the Master of Infantry, and introduced R. E. John Dean, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, who was received with the honors due his exalted station, and greeted with a courteous welcome by the Sovereign Master.

In Memoriam

Chauncy Page.

Born in Dering, New Hampshire,
November 6th. 1814.

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason,
in Saint Paul's Lodge, So. Boston July 6th. 1847.

Exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason,
in Saint Paul's R. A. Chapter, Boston Oct. 17. 1854.

Created and Dubbed a Knight of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple
Knight Templar

in Boston Commandery January 31st. 1855.

Died at South Boston, May 9th. 1878.

Companions, John H. Flagler,
Charles Wooddill,
Thomas Waterman,
George S. Merrill,

Were created and Dubbed
Knights of the Illustrious Order
of the Red Cross.

At the conclusion of the work the Sovereign Master ordered the Council Closed, and to stand closed until 7 P.M. when a Commandery of Knights Templar would be opened for the dispatch of business, and conferring the Orders of the Temple and Malta. At 6 o'clock and 15 minutes the Council was closed in due form, and the Sir Knights repaired to the Banquet Hall.

Evening Session.

At 7 o'clock 45 minutes a Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in due form.

<u>Sir's John H. Flagler,</u>	<u>George S. Stratton,</u>
<u>Charles A. Sibby,</u>	<u>Marcus L. Cook,</u>
<u>Emery O. Bicknell,</u>	<u>George S. Merrill,</u>
<u>Charles H. Baldwin,</u>	<u>Thomas Waterman,</u>
<u>Walter D. Hall,</u>	<u>Charles Wooddill.</u>

Were created and Dubbed,
Knights of the Valiant & Magnanimous,
Order of the Temple,

Knights Templar

The Order of Malta, was then conferred upon the same
Sir Knights, and they were declared duly invested with
the

— Orders of Knighthood —

The following named Knights made written application
for Membership in Boston Commandery, and by order
of the Emk. Commander their propositions were referred
to the same Committee that had their application for
the Orders in charge.

Sir John H. Flagler

Sir Charles A. Leiby

Sir Emory O. Bicknell

Sir Charles H. Baldwin

Sir Walter David Hall

Sir George G. Stratton

Sir Marcus L. Cook

Sir Thomas Waterman

Sir Charles Wooddill

The Commandery was honored during the afternoon and even-
ing with the presence of the following eminent and distinguished
Knights

Sir Charles A. Welch, the Grand Master of the M. W. Gr. Lodge of Mass.

Emk. Sir the Rev. Lucius B. Page an honorary member of Boston Commandery

" " Rev. John W. Dadmun Past Emk. Comd'r of the De Molay "

" " James C. Tucker Past Emk. Comd'r of Joseph Warren "

" " C. H. Doolittle " " " William Parkman "

" " Wm. W. McKim Commander of Saint Bernard "

" " Gealis Sanford Jr. " " Bay State " Brooklyn

" " George V. Bartlett " " Jerusalem " Biddeford

Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery
" Rev. C. B. Fairchild, Generalissimo of Hugh De Pagens Commandery
" Wm. Campbell of Mary Commandery Philadelphia Pa.
" Wm. H. Chessman, St. Bernard " Boston
" Thomas M. Carter, Newburyport " Newburyport
" James N. George, Haverhill " Haverhill

Sir Walter W. Boyden paid the requisite sum and
became a Life Member.

Proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston
Commandery

Companion James McIligan

by Sir Edward A. White

Referred to,

Emk. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Sirs Benj. F. Kourse & Wm. Le Seathrop

At eleven o'clock and 15 minutes the
Commandery was closed in due form.

attest: J. Thomas Jr.
Recorder



Visit to Saint John's Commandery
Providence R. I.

Armory of Boston Commandery
Tuesday June 18. 1878.

Agreeable to an invitation issued by the Eminent Commander, and by dispensation of the R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. I., the Sir Knights of Boston Commandery to the number of 138 assembled in the Armory, at 5 o'clock P.M., and a half hour later, in full Templar Regalia, marched to the Depot of the N. Y. & N. E. R. R., where taking special Cars, they arrived at the Asylum of Saint John's Commandery in Providence R. I. at about 8 o'clock, and were received in form by Sir Walter B. Vincent, Generalissimo acting Eminent Commander of St. John's Commandery.

The impressive manner, in which the Order of the Temple was conferred, was much enjoyed by our members; at the conclusion of which the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mass. & R. I., the R. E. Sir John Dean, who accompanied Boston Commandery, addressed the Sir Knights present in an interesting, and entertaining speech, alluding to the fact that he was proud to be in command of a Grand Body that comprised two such venerable institutions as those he then had the pleasure of addressing, viz: Saint John's of Providence the Oldest Commandery in America,

and Boston Commandery the next in years.

At the conclusion of the R. E. Grand Commander's address, the acting Emt. Commander of St. John's Commandery invited those present to repair to the Banqueting Hall, where the time was enjoyably spent in discussing the merits of sumptuous spread tables until 11:30 P.M. at which time the members of Boston Commandery repaired to a special train furnished by Sir R. W. Britton Supt. of the N. Y. & N. E. Road, which was in waiting, and receiving the "God speed You" of St. John's Commandery arrived safely at our Armory, each and all well pleased with the very enjoyable, agreeable, and pleasant pilgrimage.

— attest: J. H. Thomas Jr.
Recorder

Stated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening June 19. 1878.

Opened a Commandery of
Knights Templar

in due form at
Seven and one half o'clock.

Emt.: Sir James H. Upham, Emt. Comd. presiding.

Officers Present:

Sir J. Francis Scotts,	Generalissimo.
" John D. Stevenson,	Capt. General.
Emt.: Sir Samuel Mason Jr.,	acting Prelate.
Sir Edwin Wright,	Senior Warden.
" Eugene H. Richards,	Junior Warden.
" Edward A. White,	Treasurer.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.,	Recorder.
" Caleb Bowker,	Stan. Bearer.
" James H. Gleason,	3 ^d Guard.
" William A. Bunton,	2 ^d do.
" George W. Bunton,	1 st do.
" Alex. K. Bryer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Nourse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1 st Ass. Guard.
" Eugene A. Holton,	2 ^d "
" Edward Liggins,	3 ^d "

Absent:

Sir Joseph Williams, Stan. Bearer. { Pres. Sir John P. Bland, Prelate
Sir John H. Lakin, Warden.

Permanent Members.

Past Eminent Commanders Present.

Sir William Bayward,

Sir Samuel C. Lawrence,

Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of the last regular Conclave, also the record of the Visit to Saint John's Commandery Providence R. I. 18th inst. were read and declared approved.

Reports of Investigating Committees.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Companion James Milligan, for the Orders in Boston Commandery, reported, and upon ballot being ordered, he was declared elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood.

The several Committees to whom were referred the applications of:

Sirs,

John H. Flagler,

Emery C. Bicknell,

Charles H. Baldwin,

Walter David Hall,

George G. Stratton,

Marcellus C. Cook,

Thomas Waterman,

Charles Wooddill,

for Membership in Boston

Commandery, reported where upon ballot was taken and they were each declared elected.
The Committee on the application of Sir Chas. A. Libby for Membership not being present, and a majority thereof not forwarding their report, his application was laid over until our next regular Conclave.

The subject of procuring an Ascension Scene, similar to the one used by St. John's Commandery, Providence R.I. an exhibition of which many of the members had an opportunity of witnessing the night previous was presented by Emk. Sir Samuel Mason Jr., and after remarks by Emk. Sir Sayward, Emk. Sir Mason, Sirs Stevenson and Wright, it was on motion Voted: That the whole subject be referred to a Committee with full powers.

The Emk. Commander appointed as that Committee, Emk. Sir Samuel Mason Jr. Sirs Edward A. White and J. H. Thomas Jr., to which on motion, Sirs Edwin Wright and Eugene H. Richards were added, and by order of the Emk. Commander Sir Eugene A. Bolton was also added to the Committee.

The Emk. Commander called the attention of the Sir Knights to the Digest of Templar Law reading therefrom many extracts, more particularly in regard to the articles relating to membership, and that in order to harmonize and agree with the Digest, he proposed the following amendments to the By-Laws,

For Article V, Section 1 Substitute the following.

"Every Candidate for the Orders shall make

application in legal form, stating his age, residence, and occupation, enclosing the fee, and a certificate from two members of the Commandery that he is of good moral character and respectability.

Every application shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall be immediately notified of their duty by the Recorder; The Candidate shall stand proposed from one stated Conclave to another and his name shall be inserted in the notifications of the Conclave at which the balloting is to take place. He shall be reported upon by the investigating Committee, or a majority thereof, and the unanimous ballot of the members present shall be necessary for his admission. If he is not accepted the fee shall be returned.

All Knights receiving the Orders in this Commandery shall on signing the By-Laws become members.

Amend Article IX, Section 1. by substituting for the word "fifty" the words "Seventy five".

Amend Article IX, Section III. by substituting therefor as follows,

Section 3. "The affiliation fee for a Knight Templar not Knighted in this Commandery shall be Fifty Dollars.

On motion it was Voted: That the proposed amendments be referred to a Committee to report at the next regular Conclave, and that the Committee be authorized to report any other amendments to the By-Laws they may consider necessary.

The Emk. Commander appointed Emk. Sir Samuel B. Lawrence, Emk. Sir William Sayward and Sir Edwin

Wright on that Committee.

On motion it was
Voted: That when we close, it be to stand closed
until our regular Bonclave in September next.

At nine o'clock 15 minutes the Command-
ery was closed in due form.

attest:

J. H. Thomas Jr.
Recorder.

Funeral of Hon. Frank Welch P. G. M. Nebraska.

Armory of Boston Commandery
Friday Sept. 13. 1878.

In accordance with an order issued by the Eminent Commander, and by dispensation of the R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Officers and members of Boston Commandery to the number of about Fifty assembled at the Armory at 1 o'clock P. M. and clothing themselves in full Templar regalia, and accompanied by Sir T. M. Carter's full band of 30 pieces, paraded as escort to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to attend the funeral obsequies of the late Hon. Frank Welch, M. E. and Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

The services were held in the Swedenborgian Church on Bowdoin Street, at the conclusion of which, the lines were formed and Boston Commandery taking the Grand Lodge of Mass. with the funeral cortege under escort marched to the Providence R. R., where taking special cars they arrived at Forrest Hills Station.

The lines were again formed, and marched to Forrest Hills Cemetery where the impressive funeral service of the Grand Lodge was performed by the M. W. Grand Master Charles A. Welch, assisted by the Grand Officers, at the conclusion of which the line of march was taken up to the depot, and taking cars, the Commandery escorting the M. W. Grand Lodge arrived at the Masonic Temple at 6 o'clock P. M. - Returning to the Armory they were dismissed by the Emt. Commander. - attest: J. A. Thomas Jr. Recorder

Spated Conclave.

Wednesday Evening September 18. 1878.

Opened a Council of Knights of the
Red Cross.
in due form at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Emt. Sir James H. Upham, Sov. Master presiding
— Officers —

Sir J. Francis Lott.	Chancellor.
Emt. Sir Samuel Mason Jr.,	Master of the Palace.
Rev. Sir John B. Bland,	Excellent High Priest.
Sir Edwin Wright,	Master of Cavalry.
" Eugene H. Richards	Master of Infantry.
" Edward A. White,	Master of Finance.
" Zeph. H. Thomas Jr.	Master of Dispatches.
" Caleb Bowler,	Standard Bearer.
" Joseph Williams,	Sword Bearer.
" John H. Larkin,	Warder.
" James M. Gleason,	Third Guard.
" Wm. A. Bunton,	Second Guard.
" George W. Bunton,	First Guard.
" Alex. K. Boyer,	Armorer.
" Benj. F. Nourse,	Sentinel.
" Joshua F. Sampson,	1st. Ass. Guard.
" Edward Coggins,	3d. Ass. Guard.

Absent.

Sir John D. Stevenson, Sir John B. Rhodes, Sir E. A. Holton.

Past Eminent Commanders.

Eminent Sir Henry Endicott,

Eminent Sir Samuel Mason Jr.

The records of the last regular Conclave June 19, also the record of the meeting at Armonk 13th inst. to perform escort duty to the M. W. Grand Lodge, were read and declared approved.

Report of Investigating Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Sir Charles A. Sibley for Membership in Boston Commandery reported, and upon ballot being ordered he was rejected.

The Sovereign Master announced the death of Sir Cleaver Frederick and upon motion it was unanimously Voted:— that a page of our records be inscribed to his memory.

The Committee on amendments to the By-Laws requested further time, which on motion was granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of an Ascension Scene reported, that in consideration of the present state of the finances, they deemed it inexpedient to take further action. On motion it was voted: that the report be accepted.

On motion of Sir Master of Infantry it was Voted: That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of a series of drill meetings for the Commandery and report at the regular Conclave in October.

The Sovereign Master

appointed, Sirs Eugene H. Richards, Chas. O. Merrill,
and Edwin Wright to serve on that Committee.

The following Communication was received, read, and ordered to be spread upon the records,

Grand East

Boston Sept. 17. 1878.

To Eminent Commander,
James H. Upham,

Dear Bro. and Sir Knight,

Will you be kind enough to convey to Boston Commandery the thanks of the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the escort furnished by the Commandery at the funeral of our deceased Brother Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Nebraska. Assure the Sir Knights that we appreciate the Masonic Kindness and Knightly zeal, which induced so many to appear at so short a notice and in such uncertain weather, and we are especially indebted to you for the exertions which you made in preparing for the occasion.

I am happy to inform the Commandery that the nearest relative of our deceased brother feel very deeply the kindness and attention shown to her by the Commandery and expressed it very warmly to me.

Yours truly & fraternally,
Charles A. Welch,
Grand Master.

Sir Charles H. Barnes,

Sir William H. Burrows,

Sir H. Alric Davis,

paid the requisite fee and became Constituted Life Members

Companions Henry Noah Clark,

Companion James Milligan,

were

Created and Dubbed

Knights of the
Illustrious Order of the
Red Cross.

Proposed for Membership.

Sir Walter D. Sawyer

by Sir George G. Stratton,
Committee: Sirs Edward A. White, Charles H. Dunham
and William Pratt.

Proposed for the Orders.

The following Companions were proposed for the Orders of Knighthood in Boston Commandery, and their applications were referred to the following Committees.

Comp.: George C. Barruth, proposed by Sir Saml. W. Clifford.
Committee, Sirs Edward Boggins, James R. Fenimore, Isaac Harris.

Comp.: Horace B. Clapp, proposed by Em. Sir James H. Upham,
Committee: Sirs Wm. Hayward, Dexter Humphreys, Thomas Beals.

At ten o'clock and fifteen minutes
the Council was closed in due form.

attest: —

J. H. Thomas,
Master of Dispatches.

An Memoriam

Cleazer Frederick

Born in Syngsborough, Massachusetts.
April 9. 1866.

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason
in Rural Lodge, Quincy. April 5, 1860.

Exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason
in St. Andrews R. A. Chapter, March 6, 1861.

Created and Dubbed a Knight of the
Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple
&
Knight Templar.

in Boston Commandery March 29, 1861.

Died at Quincy, Mass. Sept. 13. 1878.